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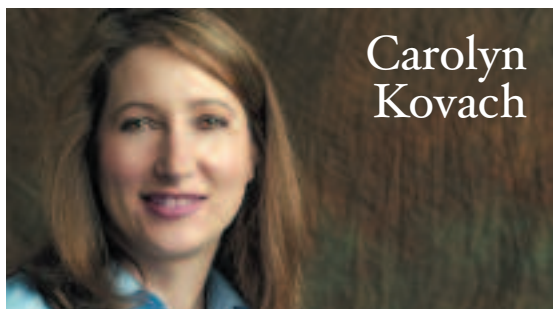
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

# Media attention over Pallbearer Society grows

A *People Magazine* staff member called me late October.

At first I thought she misdialed. After all, there are no celebrities on campus and Cleveland's 216 area code is only one digit off New York City's 212 area code.

But it wasn't a mistake. The caller explained that an internationally known *Time/Life* photojournalist approached the magazine about running a story on the

Saint Joseph of Arimathea Pallbearer Society. Seems the photographer, David Burnett, heard an interview with pallbearer student leader Dan Sklenka on *National Public Radio* several months ago. Burnett was so impressed with what he heard that he wanted to tell the pallbearer story with photos.

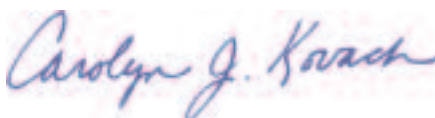
At press time, I am still working with *People*. I have been told the photo spread will run in a December 2006 issue.

I would be lying if I said I wasn't giddy about all this. Every week, millions read *People Magazine*, and millions will see that Saint Ignatius produces great students who do great things.

What started as a one-page article in this magazine more than a year ago has grown tremendously. From alumnus Robert Smith's touching article in *The Plain Dealer* (Nov. 11, 2005) to the unexpected sketch that appeared in *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* syndicated comic, readers seem intrigued with our pallbearers. (See *On Campus*.)

The media interest in the pallbearers, however, has baffled the media-shy pallbearer leaders. They figure they have the time and physical strength to carry the caskets of those who have outlived their loved ones, who have died alone or who have died poor. Why not provide this humble service?

The pallbearer leaders hope that telling their story will convince other schools to develop pallbearer societies and, thus, extend the group's mission beyond Cleveland because as one pallbearer explained to me: "Everyone deserves a decent burial."



## SIM receives awards

Last May, *Saint Ignatius Magazine* received a first-place award for design and a second-place award for content from the Cleveland Chapter's International Association of Business Communicators.

## READERS' NOTES

### GOALS FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN QUESTIONED

When Ignatius plans to ask for \$40 million for a performing arts center and increased student aid, you may expect hearing objections from some of the alumni who have difficulty understanding the inexorable rise in tuition costs. If 40 percent of the students now require \$3.1 million in financial aid to attend Ignatius, what about the other 60 percent paying the full bill? If the tuition at Saint Ignatius continues to rise faster than the rate of inflation, we will certainly see more of that 60 percent being forced into the group requiring financial aid.

Instead of spending millions for a performing arts building, which will be used sporadically and will add yet another layer

of maintenance expense to the tuition, I suggest that some of the \$20 million earmarked for additional student aid be used instead to defray operating expenses.

**Edwin Haas '50**  
Cleveland

**EDITOR'S RESPONSE:** In your letter, you reference two parts of the campaign: the financial aid endowment (\$20 million) and performing arts center (\$10 million). The \$40 million capital campaign also includes the teaching endowment (\$7 million) and expansion of the spirituality program (\$3 million).

The \$20 million for financial aid addresses the subject you allude to in your letter – the squeezing of the middle class. As tuition rises, we will see an increase in

demand for financial assistance. In order for that assistance to benefit middle-income families, as well as lower-income families, the endowment must rise.

It is important to note that the performing arts center will be used daily throughout the school year, not only for various performances, but also for drama classes, choir and band practices, and small-venue meetings – similar to how the Sullivan Gymnasium is used for various activities.

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## Rockin' the house and breakin' records



**Can you find** the homecoming king in the photo? Look for the makeshift crown. He's in there among the dancing mob of students that attended this year's record-breaking homecoming.

Spanish teacher Bill Kelley '62, who helps the Student Senate organize the dance, reported that 880 couples were on campus Sept. 23. That totals 1,760 teenagers – more energetic bodies on campus than a typical school day. Kelley said homecoming dances over the last several years have averaged 720 couples.

No one knows why the 2006 homecoming broke attendance records. Some have speculated that demand grew as rumors spread throughout classrooms that homecoming bids would be in short supply. In the end, everyone who wanted to go to the dance got a bid and a chance to make school history.

## President's Visiting Committee convenes for first meeting

The President's Visiting Committee met for the first time Oct. 8 and 9 at Saint Ignatius.

Mark Kadzielski '65 flew in from Los Angeles to oversee the inaugural meeting.

The Visiting Committee was created to provide President Fr. Timothy Kesicki, S.J., with the various perspectives of leaders throughout the country. During the first session, the nine committee members in attendance advised Fr. Kesicki on issues related to racial, academic and religious diversity among the student body.

After a tour of the campus and one period observing in classrooms, the group listened to a presentation by Principal Peter Corrigan '69 and participated in a discussion about academic challenges facing Jesuit high schools over the next 15 years.



Fr. Timothy Kesicki, S.J., talks with President's Visiting Committee members on the mall. An advisory group, the Visiting Committee met for the first time in October.

The Visiting Committee has plans to gather for yearly meetings. The members will also advise Fr. Kesicki via e-mail or teleconferences on issues where their expertise would be beneficial.



## Saint Ignatius ranks No. 1 in Northeast Ohio

**Saint Ignatius High School** has the greatest number of National Merit Semifinalists in Northeast Ohio.

The National Merit Scholarship Corp. (NMSC) named 18 Saint Ignatius students National Merit Semifinalists and recognized an additional 25 students as National Merit Commended Scholars.

Students who are chosen as National Merit Semifinalists go on to compete for finalist scholarship awards worth \$33 million. Based on the highest test scores in their states, 8,200 scholarship winners are selected from a pool of 16,000 semifinalists nationwide. NMSC will announce the finalists in March 2006.

The semifinalists include: Adrian Bien, Evan Cottingham, William Cozean, Calvin Eiber, Andrew Eldabh, Kevin Fiamingo, Joshua Hirsch, Victor Kmetich, Daniel Knoth, Paul Misak, David Mossad, Michael Sheehan, Matt Stanisa, Luke Stavole, Pete Surace, Brendan Talarek, Joseph Tomino and Thomas Whitney.

## Open House had gladiators, fire and 1,062 visitors

BY CAROLYN J. KOVACH

THERE WERE GLADIATORS in the Classics Department, bursts of flames in the chemistry lab, jugglers in the Student Center and the marching band on the mall.

If all this couldn't convince seventh- and eighth-grade students that Saint Ignatius should be their top choice for high school, what else could?

More than 1,000 students and parents were on campus from 5 to 8 p.m., Oct. 5. Visitors learned about the admissions process, curriculum, extracurricular clubs, athletics, service projects and financial assistance.

"We try to give the prospective students and their parents the chance to witness campus life as much as you possibly can in one evening," said Trace Althoff '98, director of admissions. "Coming to this school means there will be lots of opportunities for academic development and personal growth."

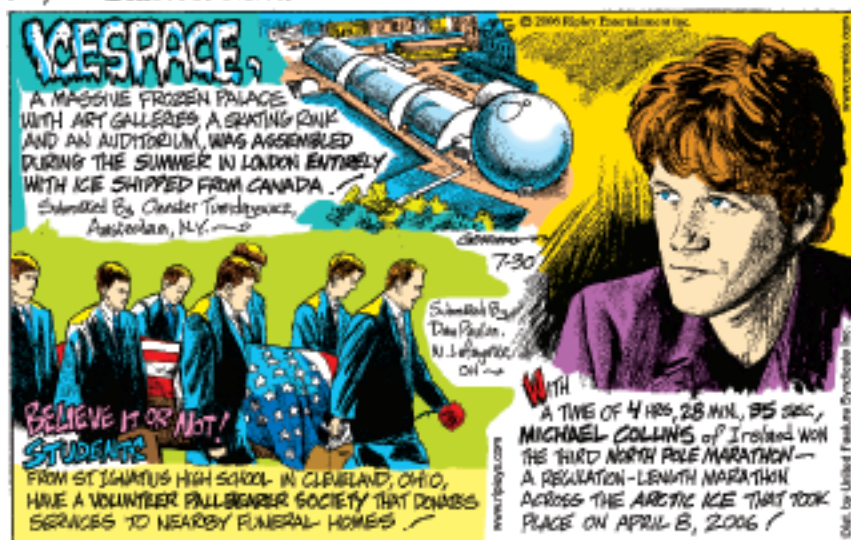


Donned in his gladiator armor, Joe Zebrak, Classics Department head, greets parents and students.

Visitors view students' artistic talents in Pete Davignon's fine arts classroom.



Ripley's Believe It or Not!



## Ripley's turns pallbearer photo into comic strip, believe it or not!

Ignatius student pallbearers probably couldn't believe it when they saw a photo of the Saint Joseph of Arimathea Pallbearer Society reproduced as a syndicated comic.

Apparently the editors of *Ripley's Believe It or Not!* find it amazing that students volunteer as pallbearers.

Fans of the Sunday comic strip submit their story ideas to Ripley's. Our best guess is that Dan Paulin of W. Lafayette, Ohio, mailed in the article about the Pallbearer Society that ran in April *Ohio Magazine*. The sketch matches the photo that appeared in the story.

United Feature Syndicate released the strip July 30, 2006 to newspapers across the country.



## SEND US YOUR IGNATIUS MYTHS

**True or False.** In the 1990s, a student was sent home for wearing the biblical Adam costume to school on Halloween.

Rory Hennessey, the dean who sent the student home, said this myth is true. Although the student wasn't naked, the flesh-colored, skin-tight costume with strategically placed fig leaf was too suggestive.

Throughout the years, Ignatius lore has been passed along from one graduating class to another. How many are true? Which ones are outright lies? And what has been exaggerated?

Help us determine what's fact and what's fiction. Tell us your myths, and, with a little bit of digging, we'll bust or confirm them and share our research with readers.

Send your myths to Carolyn Kovach at [ckovach@ignatius.edu](mailto:ckovach@ignatius.edu) or call at 216-281-4386.



## Students help underprivileged kids one computer at a time

By Laura McGowan

**Combining an extracurricular** computer activity with meaningful service, a group of tech-savvy students have developed an innovative computer club.

The Technical Support Squad originally formed to create a Web site for Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership. From there the focus broadened to bring technology to disadvantaged children.

Last year TSS solicited donations of used computer equipment from a few local businesses and created a lab for Arrupe after-school programs. Many hours involved what TSS members call the three Rs: repair, refurbish and reinstall. The result was a computer lab that has become a resource for neighborhood children and student tutors.

Nick Bushak '06, TSS founding member and freshman at MIT, had a powerful vision for the club. "TSS offers like-minded students a chance to share ideas and apply their technical talents toward a common goal: helping organizations integrate technology into day-to-day operations and exposing inner-city kids to technology," he said.

In addition to wiring the computer lab, TSS collected and repaired computer equipment for Arrupe's summer camp. To the delight of 40 neighborhood families, the tech gurus fixed and packaged the computers for their children to take home at the program's conclusion.

As TSS evolves, student leaders Pat Barnhill and Tom Kopchak have high expectations. "We hope that in the near future, all neighborhood children will have a computer they can call their own," Kopchak said.

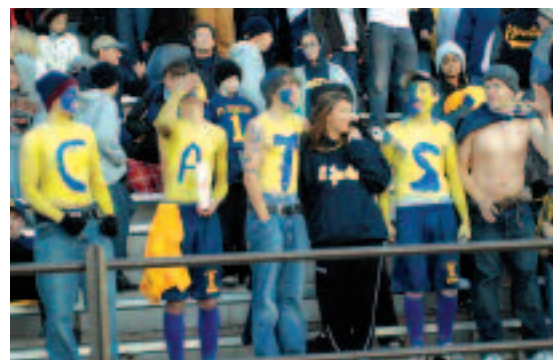


Senior Pat Barnhill sets up the Arrupe after-school computer lab in the science building.



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Currently, TSS does not need computer donations due to limited storage space. Brett Gigliotti '06 contributed to this report.

Senior Tom Kopchak refurbishes and networks computers in the Arrupe House basement.



## New Days from the Old

BY Carolyn J. Kovach

COMPARED TO 1946, today's attire for sporting events, particularly football games, is rather casual. For some fans, shirts are even optional.

Sixty years ago, wardrobes were limited. Men wore overcoats, suits, collared shirts, ties, dress shoes and felt dress hats to games. Women wore dress coats, dresses or skirts, hose, heels and scarves over their heads to protect their hairdos from the wind. The students' game-day gear »consisted of letter jackets, letter sweaters or clothes that could easily pass today's dress-code standards. Only the athletes wore athletic gear.

These days jeans, "hoodies," ballcaps, stocking caps, jackets, tennis shoes and blue-and-gold athletic wear are the preferred clothing for Ignatius fans no matter their age or gender. Younger, unabashed male fans show their chests and school spirit through creative body painting. And some fans opt for capes instead of shirts.

Of course, the game pennant hasn't changed much over the years. But those 1940s fans didn't get to wave "We're No. 1" big foam hands, spirit towels and most recently, inflatable colored tubes. How did they ever enjoy the game?



# From Seniors to Freshmen

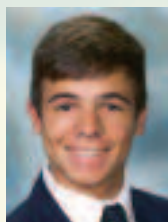
2006 grads have begun collegiate journey

The Class of '06 graduated 347 seniors who are now completing their first semesters of college.

Saint Ignatius held its 120th commencement on June 4 at Playhouse Square Center's State Theatre. Adam Milavec was valedictorian, and Michael Molina was the salutatorian. Milavec is attending Fordham University, and Molina is at Columbia University.



Adam Milavec



Michael Molina

To see where the rest of the class is receiving its higher education and to find out if any of these college freshmen are attending your favorite college, scan the list below.

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# GOAL ACHIEVED

In 31 years, Ignatius soccer went from  
intramural sport to premier program

BY JOHN ETORRE



**"You get one [All-American] if you're lucky.  
Two is amazing, but three is unheard of."** — COACH JIM BRENNAN '85

feature



## n a frigid Friday

in November 2004, the Saint Ignatius soccer team was headed to Columbus, Ohio, for yet another appearance in the elite final-four stage of the state tournament. Players and coaches went through the first few periods of class that day before attending the game-day Mass in the school chapel.

Then the entire student body spilled into the courtyard for a rally, wildly cheering the players and thumping them on their backs. Eventually, the crowd parted, forming a corridor for the players to make their way to the bus.

The team and its coaching staff filed onto the bus that day with the weight of some painful history on their shoulders. Over the preceding decade, the varsity team had suffered more than its share of heartbreaking near misses in state tournaments, reaching the semifinal level three times without advancing any further.

In 1995 when Mike McLaughlin '85 took over as head coach, the team lost a painfully close game to Findlay, despite dominating the contest throughout and out-shooting their opponents 32-2.

Two years later, the story ended much the same. This time Saint Ignatius lost a close one to Strongsville, who went on to capture the state title. Then in 2000, the team lost a final-four match to North Olmsted, a perennial soccer power.

"Some people thought there was a curse on the school," recalls Mark Blades '05, then a standout junior at Saint Ignatius and now a freshman soccer player at Northwestern University in Chicago.

But the string of hard luck would be broken that chilly November weekend.

"It was extremely cold that day," recalls assistant soccer coach Jim Brennan '85. "We had some butterflies, but when we got down there and looked up in the stands, we saw all these people who had come down, and it really lifted us."

In the championship match against Westerville North, the defending state champion, the scoreboard read 0-0 until late in the game, a tense chess match dominated by the defenses.

"When you're playing soccer in a close game, you just know that whoever scores first is going to win," Brennan says.

Finally, with just 10 minutes to go, Ignatius sophomore Audric Kilroy scored the game's first goal. With that icebreaker, Brennan recalls, "We knew we were



going to win it." And the Wildcats ultimately did.

"It was amazing," remembers Barry Rice '05, a junior then and now a freshman soccer player at the University of Kentucky. Though two years have passed, "I don't think it's still sunk in what we accomplished that day."

It was a season that would be hard to top, but the team managed to do so. The following year, Saint Ignatius added a second state crown and in the process went 23-0, won a mythical national championship and saw an unprecedented three players named High School All-Americans by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. About 70 players made the NSCAA All-American list in 2005 from a field of thousands. Considering that Ohio alone has more than 500 high school soccer teams, the fact that Ignatius had three All-Americans was impressive.

"That's absolutely unheard of," Brennan says. "You get one [All-American] if you're lucky. Two is amazing, but three is unheard of."

Adds McLaughlin: "It's never been done before. Not only in Ohio but anywhere."

Today all three players – Blades, Rice and Justin Morrow – are playing on scholarship at Division I schools, and all are starters. As for the high school where they honed their skills, Saint Ignatius is now getting recognition from sportswriters and fans for its other futbol program.

And yet, it all began so modestly.

## THE EARLY YEARS

IT WAS 1975, and a few students interested in soccer began playing each day at lunch on an asphalt surface. Greg Knittel '67, a Latin teacher who had played soccer at Holy Cross, noticed them and asked if they might have an interest in forming a team. They



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agreed, and he became their coach.

That first year, soccer was only considered an intramural sport, and supplies were scarce. “We didn’t even have a soccer ball at first. We used a volleyball, which made the game more challenging,” recalls Knittel, now dean of teachers at Saint Ignatius. Knittel explains that a volleyball is smaller and softer



## Lacking a home field built character in the soccer team

**Six years ago** Saint Ignatius updated Wasmer Field, making it a luscious green, outdoor athletic field with new turf, bleachers, snack bar and scoreboard. Among other uses, the well-groomed Wasmer now serves as the soccer team's home field.

But it was a long time coming.

For many years the soccer team, lacking its own facility in which to practice and play home games, did more than its share of wandering. The team played at Case Western Reserve University, at Cleveland State University and at a number of other locations. Home games were held at Lakewood High School. In fact, one season's home games were played at Pokrova Ukrainian Church in Parma.

Perhaps the most memorable practice field, however, was Brookside Park, located near the Cleveland Zoo.

“You’d line up kids at the goal posts, and they’d walk along making a sweep of the ground, picking up batteries and rocks,” recalls Jim Brennan, now in his 14th year as an assistant coach.

Despite its drawbacks, coaches and players remember Brookside Park with considerable fondness.

“There would be dirt bikes that would come shooting out of the trees nearby and suddenly shoot over the hill. Families would take their altercations outside, which was interesting,” says former head soccer coach Greg Knittel. “But it’s all part of the ambiance of a near West Side school.”

And it all added to the students’ storehouse of life lessons.

than a soccer ball, and thus harder to control.

A year later, intramural soccer graduated to a varsity sport with a full 14-game schedule. By 1980, the team amassed a record of 16-1-2, winning a conference championship for the first time.

Lacking a home field for years, the team was forced to scrounge up a succession of borrowed fields for practices and home games. But in other, more important ways, help came from everywhere, including some unexpected quarters. A Hungarian pastry chef, Attila Farkas, who owned a pastry shop near the school, saw the team kicking a ball around one day and asked, “Hey, can I help?” He eventually proved an invaluable addition to the coaching staff, with a special passion for soccer, as well as for teaching the game.

In its early years, several standout players lifted the program’s prospects considerably. Jerry Czuchraj ’78 (pronounced chu-cry), “really got the program off and running,” Knittel says. “He was a really good player, a striker.” In college, Czuchraj starred on John Carroll University’s soccer team.

Later Al Musca ’81, who went on to play at St. Louis University, and John Morrell ’81, who played at Cleveland State University, would have the kind of careers that would eventually land them in the Saint Ignatius Athletic Hall of Fame.

## ALWAYS A PLAYER

McLaughlin was a standout soccer player throughout his childhood. He later became the school’s first graduate to attend college (Quincy University) on a full Division I soccer scholarship. There would eventually be several players behind him and at increasingly more prominent schools. The most recent example of this is senior co-captain and four-year starter Nick Tsipis, who is headed to Duke University next year to study and play.

“Mike is a very kind, a very bright, a very gentle guy, until you put a soccer ball in front of him,” says McLaughlin’s high school coach, Knittel. “Then he becomes very competitive, which is precisely what you want.”

While McLaughlin was a standout in soccer, his athletic career at Ignatius wasn’t limited to that sport. He was also a kicker for the football team. “So he’d be racing from one thing to another, which can be taxing. Only a couple other guys have ever done that,” Knittel says, which is one of the reasons why McLaughlin was inducted into the Saint Ignatius Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

After college, McLaughlin came back to his school to teach. He now teaches theology and oversees Sophomore Service, a community service program for Ignatius sophomores. Besides coaching soccer at the





Varsity head coach Mike McLaughlin '85 juggles a soccer ball with ease. He's been playing the sport since his childhood.

school, McLaughlin has coached club soccer and has also worked with the Olympic Development Program, a key part of the U.S. Soccer Federation's method of spotting and nurturing top American players for the U.S. National Teams.

With all these connections to elite talent, assistant coach Jon Jarc '93 says, "Mike has been really good about encouraging talented players to tell their friends about Ignatius." For example, Rice says he was introduced to the school and to McLaughlin by his club soccer teammate, Blades, who later become his Ignatius teammate.

"The school sells itself with its overall quality," McLaughlin notes. "But elite players also know they can come here to play a certain kind of soccer. Schools play different brands of soccer, and they know if they come here, they get to play high-level soccer."

## FORMING MEN

Many would concur that the time-tested way to develop a successful high school athletic program is to begin with a coaching staff that can provide the technical knowledge of the sport while building character in young athletes.

"In soccer, so many things factor into the game – the weather, the field, the refs and especially the emotional lives of adolescent boys. So you never know how it will come out," McLaughlin observes.

In the "molding character area," it helps that four of the soccer coaches teach in the Theology Department: McLaughlin, Brennan and assistant coaches Drew Vilinsky '97 and Paul O'Connor, S.J., '91. (Another interesting fact is that McLaughlin and

Brennan, former high school classmates, now follow each other's leads. On the field, McLaughlin is in charge, but in the classroom, Brennan takes over as the department head.)

In addition to the theology teachers, Jarc, a graphic design teacher, and Joe Popelka '84, a biology teacher, have helped mold young men and athletes as assistant coaches for JV and varsity. Both were standout players during their high school days, and both have given years of commitment to the soccer program. Jarc has assisted for six years; Popelka for 10.

McLaughlin notes that being a good soccer player isn't enough to earn playing time. In fact, it comes in third place.

"The first thing is your character. How are you treating those around you – your classmates, your family, your teachers? The second is academics. How are you doing in school? The third is soccer. And we tell them, it's in that order," McLaughlin says without hesitation. "First you have to be a good kid, then a good student and then a good soccer player. And with our depth, there are plenty of good players to step up and fill a place if someone isn't cutting it in those other areas."

These days, with back-to-back state championships in the school record books, Saint Ignatius no longer sneaks up on anyone. On the contrary, the team now finds itself the object of everyone's attention; the team to beat.

"You can't take a day off. You have to bring it every day because the other team is gunning for you, whether they're 16-0 or 0-16," McLaughlin

## 2006 Season Records

Freshmen 14-0-2  
undefeated season

Junior Varsity 16-0  
undefeated for four years

Varsity ▼ 10-4-2  
beat Parma in first round of playoffs; lost to Solon in second round of playoffs in sudden-death overtime



The varsity team huddles before the start of a game.



# goal

Senior defender Dan Holowaty (No. 3) collides with the Mentor goalie during the Ignatius vs. Mentor varsity game.

explains. "But that's how it should be. It's great preparation for life."

And in the end, that's precisely where McLaughlin and the rest of his coaching staff want to keep the focus – soccer as a preparation for life.

Six years ago, McLaughlin organized a 25th reunion for the soccer program. More than 30 former players returned to campus to play a game. Later the alumni headed over to a nearby restaurant "to talk about how great we once were," McLaughlin says laughing.

"It was grand to see them all, and to see how accomplished they had become as men," Knittel says. "They came from all over the country. Some are working for

## Numbers tell the story

There are key numbers that reveal a lot about the Saint Ignatius soccer program. Numbers such as 31 (the team's longest-ever winning streak, compiled over the 2004-05-06 seasons) and nine (the number of goals allowed by last year's team, the fewest in team history).

There are also some eye-catching personal records such as that of David Maier '01 for most goals in a season (44) and in a game (6).

Perhaps most impressive of all are these numbers. In 31 years, the soccer program has experienced losing seasons only twice (in 1987 and 1991). But it has really been on a roll under its current head coach, Mike McLaughlin. Going into the 2006 season, he had amassed a gaudy career record of 174-29-26. The junior varsity team, meanwhile, hasn't lost a match in four years.

Keep in mind that compared to other Ignatius sports, soccer is quite young. Varsity football has been played at Ignatius for more than 90 years and baseball for more than 100 years.

Soccer is also only the second Ignatius sport to enlist the help of a female coach. Theology teacher Gayle Scaravilli coached golf from 1996 to 2000. Tara Henderson, a John Carroll University biology intern, assisted with the freshman soccer team this year.

Numbers and statistics, naturally, have their place in sports. But McLaughlin says he is proudest of another set of numbers – the team's cumulative grade point average. "For the last five years running, our team GPA has been 3.5.

So when McLaughlin says, "We've got a great chance to be an elite team for years to come," he's referring to his team's record in the classroom, as well as on the field.



the government; some have their own businesses. There were doctors and lawyers and other professionals."

Two former soccer players – O'Connor and Marty Schreiber – have gone on to become Jesuits, Brennan notes with pride.

Although Ignatius soccer has produced stellar athletes over the years, it is the lessons and relationships that translate off the field that have made the greatest impact. These days, one is more likely to hear the Wildcats' first soccer star reflect on the lifelong friendships he formed while playing soccer than recounting team scores or season records. "To this day," Czuchraj says, "when I see coach Knittel, I go

**"You can't take a day off. You have to bring it every day. But that's how it should be."** – HEAD COACH MIKE MCLAUGHLIN '85



Head coach Mike McLaughlin talks strategy with his players after a cold and muddy fall practice on Kyle Field.



## Curriculum embodies service, molds future leaders

BY Jack Burke '65

I WAS WORKING WITH Warren Bennis, dean of leadership at the University of Southern California, on the audio version of his book, *Managing People is Like Herding Cats*.

During the course of our time together, he said that he had gotten it wrong when it came to the historical process of MBA education. The educational system had concentrated too much on the bottom-line factors of business and too little on the individual. If he had to do it over, he would require a classical education in the humanities, followed by several years in the workplace as an admission requirement to an MBA program. The idea is that a leader must understand the concepts of humanity, history and interpersonal relationships to successfully grow a business.

At Saint Ignatius, I was taught languages (Latin and French), mathematics, history, Greek and Roman mythology, and the classics of literature. I was taught to honor the competitive spirit in both the mental arena (speech and debate) and the physical arena (sports). All this was built upon a religious foundation. I am forever grateful for the impact this school has had on my life.

Issues of the *Saint Ignatius Magazine* have alerted me to fundamental changes in the school's educational process. There has been a major addition to the values of mind, body, spirit and competition. It is service.

These magazine articles, for example, highlight this point:

- Student pallbearers attend and serve at the funerals of complete strangers;
- A student gives up his homecoming to volunteer in Katrina-ravaged New Orleans;
- A nationally recognized football and track coach values his role of teacher over that of coach;
- Students volunteer as summer camp counselors for poverty-level children in the inner city;
- Hockey players get off the ice to serve the community.

Other articles focused on traditional educational and sports achievements, but the preponderance of service-related articles indicates a definitive change at this highly acclaimed school. Students are learning that service is perhaps the most critical component of personal success.

I now realize the self-centered nature of my education. Learning, coupled with the competitive spirit, was for the betterment of self. Understanding the

classics of literature and language was to enhance one's personal level of performance. Mathematics and science were seen as rigorous disciplines for the rational mind. Even religion was extremely personal and introspective. Aside from the communal aspect of the student body, there was no significant emphasis on the responsibility to serve the outside community. It may have existed, but I never experienced it.

It has taken me many years to indoctrinate service into my life and to understand that success comes from within. The recipe for self-esteem is based on the principle of charitable service to others. Only in serving others can we find ourselves.

I congratulate the Ignatius community on undertaking the process of service, as opposed to service as a project. It will benefit the students as they venture forth into the larger communities of life because great leaders are also great servants.

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Arrupe student volunteers give inner-city kids the chance to enjoy urban summer camp.

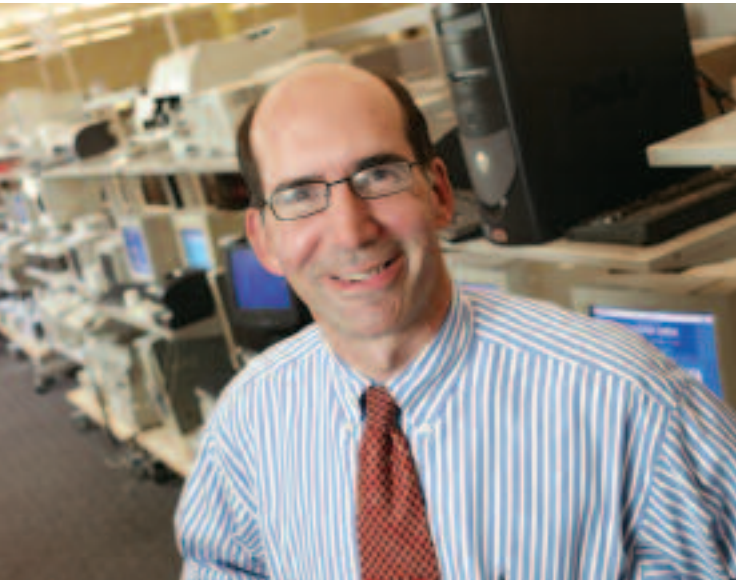
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# TECH

by Julia Arnold-Hess

Ignatius alumni keep high-tech jobs, talented employees and profits in Cleveland



(Left to right) Chaz Napoli '81, Cachat brothers John '77 and Pat '84, and A.J. Hyland '90 are running top-performing software companies and helping to keep high-tech jobs in Cleveland.

## Cities across the nation are begging information technology companies to locate within their boundaries.

And why not? The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reports, "Information technology is the fastest growing sector in the economy with a 68 percent increase in output growth rate projected between 2002 and 2012."

"They [IT companies] have a huge impact on the economy," says Chris Varley, vice president of Nortech, Cleveland's technology economic development organization.

Brad Nellis, director of the Northeast Ohio Software Association, (Cleveland's IT trade association) adds, "Technology sector employment offers strong salaries, opportunities for career growth and the ability to embrace lifelong learning."

So far, the IT sector is responsible for more than 17,000 Greater Clevelanders' jobs ... jobs in software development, computer information systems, programming and more.

Saint Ignatius alumni deserve credit for part of that growth. In fact, three software companies – Hyland Software, Datavantage and IQS – are led by alumni and ranked among the Top 20 Local Software Developers, according to *Crain's Cleveland Business*, April 17-23, 2006 issue. Updated numbers credit them with more than 900 jobs. (Not all are IT jobs, but nevertheless, it's a nice contribution to the local economy.)

"The growth of these companies and their requirements for highly skilled and talented people contribute to the vibrancy and diversity of our regional economy," Nellis observes.

All three companies are headquartered in Cleveland because it's home. They stay because it makes good business sense.

"The reality is, for our business, Cleveland is a really good place to be," says John Cachat '77, IQS chairman. "IQS serves the automotive, aerospace and medical device markets. Our customers are right here in the Midwest."

Read on to learn more about Cleveland software movers and shakers: A.J. Hyland '90, Chaz Napoli '81, John Cachat '77 and Pat Cachat '84.



# SAVVY



## Hyland Software grows with fun

No dress shirt? No tie? No problem.

At Hyland Software, employees stroll around in shorts and sneakers, and paper airplane-throwing contests are an officially sanctioned part of the workweek. Quite a different environment from Saint Ignatius, where shirt and tie are required and a paper airplane launched in a classroom could earn a student as many as five jugs.

"I hated wearing ties," recalled A.J. Hyland '90, CEO of the privately held Westlake-based software company. Hyland sees workplace fun as a way to attract and retain productive employees.



A look at the numbers suggests that he is right. From 2004 to 2005, Hyland Software's revenue increased from \$53 million to \$68.2 million, and the company has grown from 450 to nearly 600 employees.

In September, Hyland Software grew again with its first acquisition. The company bought Matrix Imaging in Bloomfield, Mich. Matrix resells Hyland's OnBase software to the higher education market. "They sold more than half of our high-education sales. It made it easier to make them part of our company," A.J. notes.

"Our increase in hiring is fueled by customer growth and company growth," he adds.

About 6,000 clients worldwide – mostly in financial services, healthcare, insurance, government, education and manufacturing – use OnBase, Hyland's document management software.

OnBase is a suite of enterprise content management software with more than 100 different modules. The product is delivering the promise of a nearly paperless workplace. For example, OnBase helps insurance carriers route paperwork so medical claims get paid quickly. The product also allows residential mortgages to be processed in days instead of weeks because employees can work with the same information at the same time.

To keep customers operating smoothly, Hyland Software banks on a strong workforce. In a region where business leaders can be heard whining about "brain drain," A.J. has his own solution. His company offers amenities that solve work-family conflicts and stimulate employees.

When the company added 63,000 square feet to its Clemens Road facility in 2005, it created a cheerful building with sky-lit atriums and a contemporary interior design. Within the facility, a workforce of mostly 20- and 30-somethings enjoy several job perks: a full-service diner (with unlimited, free Pepsi products and 6-by-6-inch "bricks" of Rice Krispies treats), a salon, a masseuse, two slides that extend from the second to the first floor and a pool table in the middle of an expansive, second-floor office suite.

Hyland Software has a full-time minister of culture (official title) to manage the "fun," which is scheduled on company time. Fun includes dodge-ball games, tricycle races and summer visits from ice cream trucks. Oh yeah, and there are also activities for employees' kids.

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## HYLAND<sup>®</sup> SOFTWARE



(Left) A contemporary cafeteria and varied menu selection satisfies employees' appetites while a speed slide in the atrium (above) satisfies their desire to have fun.



Married and a father of three, A.J. understands the challenges of work-family balance. For the “real” kids, his company has an in-house, Montessori-based Child Enrichment Center certified to teach kindergarten. The center cares for 90 children, infants through kindergarten, and also runs after-school programs for older children up to 12-years-old. Employees can join their children for lunch or visit with them during breaks. The facility, with its indoor and outdoor play areas, is impressive enough to rival area daycare centers.



A company daycare center, with indoor and outdoor play areas, provides a big perk for Hyland's working parents.

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– A.J. Highland '90

## Commitment to family, community

A.J.'s kinetic personality and whirlwind career match his company's success. At 35, he's in a position many would envy.

His brother, Packy, established the company in 1991. While still at Georgetown University, A.J. would download the software and test it for his brother. When he graduated from Georgetown University in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in business administration, he began working at the company. “I graduated on Saturday and went to work on Monday,” he recalls.

In 1997, he became president, and then in 2001, he took over as CEO after Packy retired. Another brother, Chris, is the company's chief financial officer.

A.J. says his experience at Saint Ignatius left a positive impression on him. “Saint Ignatius was terrific in two ways. First, it was academically challenging but not overwhelming. Second, I had a great deal of respect for the work ethic and talent of the other students in my classes. They had a collaborative approach to learning and were serious,” he says.

A Rocky River resident, A.J. has no plans to uproot his company. He says Cleveland is a great place to do business. “There is clearly a pool of talent with a well-ingrained work ethic in this region, and we have a very reasonable cost of living,” he notes.

“One of the nice aspects of my job is that I get to be an ambassador for this area,” A.J. adds. He explains that each week about 50 to 75 people come to Hyland Software from across the country and around the world for software training. A.J. arranges for shuttles to take them to downtown restaurants, bars and attractions such as the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. Staying connected to the community is something A.J. says he learned while a student at Saint Ignatius and Georgetown.

“The ‘Men for Others’ slogan is simple, but it resonates,” he says. “You can't operate in a vacuum. You can't be a company that forgets about the community in which you exist.”



(Left) John Cachat '77 and brother Pat Cachat '84 have ditched the ties but kept the work values they learned while at Ignatius.

## Small company boasts big clients

WITH BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S degrees in engineering, John Cachat '77 went to work in corporate America. One of his projects was managing a \$1 million research project aimed at computerizing all the non-financial and non-inventory control processes for the U.S. Air Force.

Through his research, John saw a business problem in need of a solution. So he decided to start his own software company. Cachat Consulting was born in 1986 in the basement of his home.

By 1988, the business was growing and officially incorporated as IQS, which stands for Integrated Quality Systems. That same year, brother Pat Cachat '84, joined the company, answering phones and paying bills.

Pat is now product development manager. John is chairman and “chief vision officer.” But the Cachats aren't the only Wildcats. Fellow Ignatius alumni Pat Needles '84 is the director of sales, and Tom West '86 is a senior account executive.

IQS products help manufacturing companies automate quality management and obtain ISO 9000 registration. For those who aren't quality engineers, think about the paperwork, reports and information generated throughout the manufacturing process. Even when computerized, it is still a mind-boggling collection of information – unless you have software to organize it.

IQS software captures and organizes information into one centrally located database. “We provide a single, global system that ties all business processes together,” John explains. “That gives management the opportunity from any location to sift through information, and identify problems and solutions. Which helps them make better products.”

It never really occurred to John that a software development company would leave Northeast Ohio until he witnessed the departures of other Cleveland-based software companies. Even then, when he looked at his client list of automotive, aerospace,



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– John Cachat '77

defense and FDA-regulated industries, he decided to stay put. A little namedropping includes Eaton, Timken, Bonne Bell, Parker Hannifin, MTD, Swagelok, Delta Faucet and more.

"We started the company here because we live here. We stay because Cleveland is a good place to be," says John, who lives with his wife, Holly, and four children in Avon.

What began as a business in a basement now employs 30 employees in Rocky River and serves 500 clients in the United States, Europe and Asia. Annual sales for the privately held company are in the \$5 million to \$10 million range.

The Cachat brothers appreciate the education and work values they learned at Saint Ignatius.

"Freshmen and sophomore years really prepared me the most for college in terms of time management. I danced through Xavier College because of it," Pat says.

John is grateful for the speech classes at Saint Ignatius because his job requires him to speak publicly to groups six to eight times a month. "But Mr. Murphy [his speech teacher] would be disappointed that I work without a tie and sport coat," he jokes.

## Datavantage takes advantage of global economy

CHAZ NAPOLI '81 WAS ONE of the early Datavantage Corp. employees. He started in 1993 as vice president of operations and two years later was appointed company president.

He's still president today, but the supplier of retail information technology has grown substantially. In 2003, publicly traded Micros Systems of Columbia, Md. acquired Solon-based Datavantage. Micros, a leading supplier of information systems to the hospitality and retail industries, reported \$679 million in revenue for the 2006 fiscal year.

The merger led to more business for Datavantage, which now sells its services to Micros' clients and has expanded its customer base to Europe, Asia and Latin America. As a result of its global clientele, the company is open for business 24/7. (Albeit the nightshift is a skeleton staff of customer-service IT staff.)

"I have traveled extensively, and the older I've gotten, the more I appreciate Cleveland."

– Chaz Napoli '81

Currently the company has 425 clients and more than 50,000 specialty retail stores that use its point-of-sale and loss prevention products.

Perhaps Datavantage's most visible point-of-sale product is the software that helps mall and outlet retailers run more productively. For example, when a shopper checks out at Abercrombie & Fitch, Limited Too or Finish Line, the computer register uses Datavantage software to handle the sale. Likewise, Datavantage software helps manage retail functions at Reebok stores throughout Europe. And for shoppers carrying those gift cards in their wallets, it could be Datavantage software that is tracking those card transactions and balances.

Of the company's 412 employees, 290 of those jobs are in Cleveland.

For those concerned about Northeast Ohio's IT growth, they'll be pleased to know that Napoli intends to hire more talent from the area.

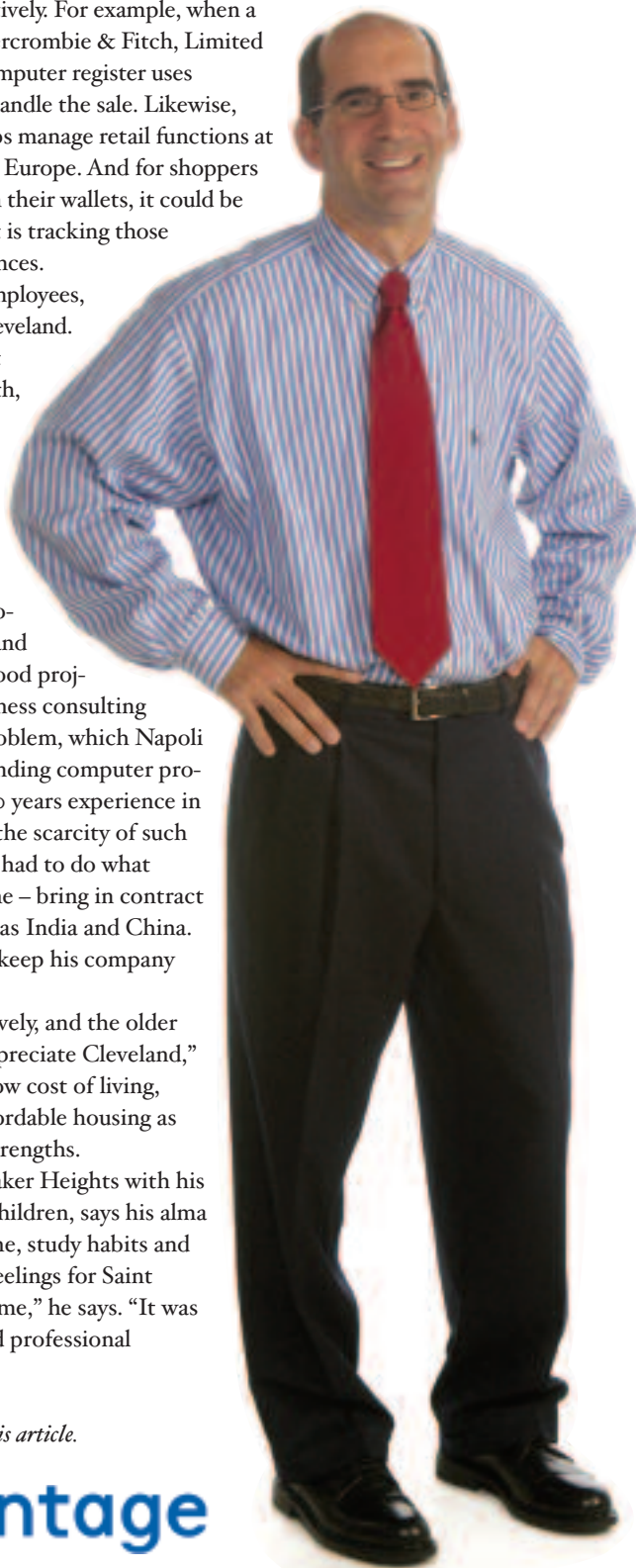
"I've found [this area] to be pretty solid for finding entry-level talent," he says. Local universities provide a quality workforce, and Cleveland is plentiful in good project management and business consulting services, he explains. A problem, which Napoli says is a national one, is finding computer programmers with seven to 10 years experience in development. Because of the scarcity of such workers, Datavantage has had to do what other companies have done – bring in contract hires from countries such as India and China. Still, Napoli is content to keep his company based in Cleveland.

"I have traveled extensively, and the older I've gotten, the more I appreciate Cleveland," he says. Napoli cites the low cost of living, quality healthcare and affordable housing as examples of Cleveland's strengths.

Napoli, who lives in Shaker Heights with his wife, Jean, and their five children, says his alma mater taught him discipline, study habits and teamwork. "I have great feelings for Saint Ignatius in how it shaped me," he says. "It was critical to my personal and professional development." <sup>SI</sup>

*Paris Wolfe contributed to this article.*

# DATAVANTAGE



## Theology teacher lives the 'good' life

BY Mark Hodermarsky

**IF PARENTS DESIRE a positive role model in a teacher, then Jim Brennan '85 has delivered over the past 17 years. Whether teaching theology, coaching soccer or moderating an extracurricular, Brennan tries to model the life of Jesus Christ.**

Jim Brennan '85 has managed to squeeze out enough time to play the bagpipes for the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band for the past 16 years.



"My role as a teacher is to help these boys become men, using Jesus as the perfect model of manhood," he says, "tough, yet sensitive; committed to truth, yet compassionate; serving both the physical and spiritual needs of others. If I want my charges to live like that, then I have to model that as well."

Brennan's desire to teach began when he was a student in a freshman theology class taught by Tom Healey '77. "Tom was a rookie teacher – young, enthusiastic and one of the smartest people I had ever met," Brennan recalls.

A dynamic teacher, Healey used humor and stories in his lessons. "And, of course, he went to Notre Dame," adds Brennan, an avid Notre Dame fan and proud alumnus.

Brennan believes that it's important to make a connection with his students because when the students "hear" a teacher, they learn.

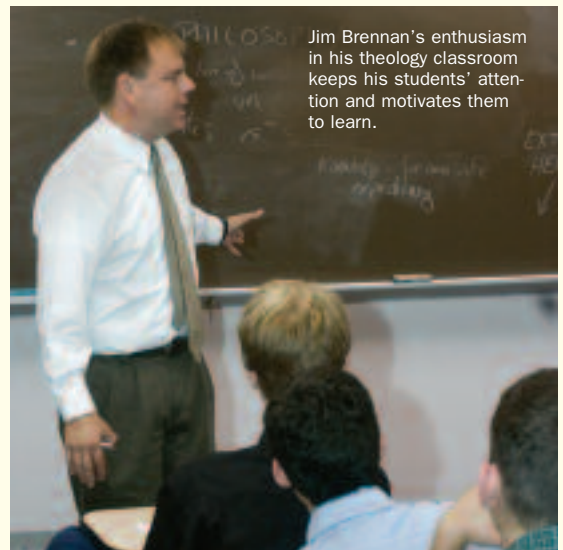
Christopher Milkie '07, a student in Brennan's Sacraments class, appreciates that Brennan uses humor, film and personal anecdotes to discuss controversial religious topics. Like other students, Milkie can relate to Brennan's boyhood anecdotes.

Most of Brennan's stories are about his days as a youth – growing up in Parma with four brothers and coping with a self-proclaimed "pathetic teenage romantic life."

Brennan also knows that good teachers learn from their students. Years ago, on an evaluation form, a student wrote: "When you got excited about something in class, we got excited. Keep being excited."



Brennan (left) has coached a junior varsity soccer team that has not lost a game in four years.



Jim Brennan's enthusiasm in his theology classroom keeps his students' attention and motivates them to learn.

Brennan says he has never forgotten this advice, and he remains just as enthusiastic today about teaching the subject he loves – Christ and his church.

Peers are another source of energy and inspiration. Jim Skerl '74 "challenges me to see the best in each of my students," Brennan observes. "And Marty Dybicz pushes me to strive for excellence and logic in my studies."

Outside the classroom, Brennan has coached a junior varsity soccer team that hasn't lost a game in four years.

"Jim is successful as a coach for several reasons," says varsity head coach Mike McLaughlin. "He cares about the kids. He understands the game. And, through a combination of wit and wisdom, he connects with the players."

"Coach Brennan's pre-game speeches are Lombardi-like," McLaughlin adds.

In addition to his duties as chairman of the Theology Department, Brennan has moderated the National Honor Society, Joint Council on World Affairs, Notre Dame Club and senior class.

He is a Christian Life Community member and the author of the teacher's

guide to the textbook, *Catholic Social Teaching*. For his excellence as an educator and moderator, Brennan has received the Ignatian Educator of the Year Award and the Fr. Michael J. Lavelle, S.J., Award.

Despite the demands of teaching, coaching, moderating and helping his wife, Kristin, raise three children, Brennan has managed to squeeze out enough time to play the bagpipes for the 87th Cleveland Pipe Band for the past 16 years.

With such a loaded schedule, Brennan says he finds guidance in the Blessed Mary. "Mary teaches me how to be a good spouse, parent and faithful follower of God. She heard the word of God and brought Christ into the world. I too try to hear God and bring Jesus into the world as well."



# From handyman to physics, Bob Ward can fix it and then explain how it runs

BY *Julia Arnold-Hess*

**LAST SPRING, the Robotics Team pulled an all-nighter to get ready for the Science Olympiad competition.**

The team had less than 48 hours to assemble a robot from individual, precision-cut pieces. The parts had arrived from the factory at 4 p.m., Thursday. The competition was Saturday.

Faced with a tight deadline, the students braced themselves for a long night on campus. They weren't alone in their toils. Science teacher and moderator Bob Ward '65 worked with them through the wee hours into the morning.

As students began to file into his classroom at 8 a.m., Friday, Ward realized that the hardest part of staying up all night was facing a full day of teaching. Yet he mustered up the energy to get through the day and help the Robotics Team finish on time for Saturday's state competition in Columbus, Ohio.

The robot took fourth place in Columbus. Not bad considering it competed against nearly 40 other Ohio robots. There is little doubt that Ward's involvement in the project was needed. Students such as Nick Bushak '06, a former Robotics member now in his freshman year at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, says Ward is always there for students who want extra help.

"He really acts as a mentor," Bushak says. "There's so much effort put in behind the scenes that people don't see."

Growing up in Cleveland's Eddy Road, St. Clair neighborhood, Ward loved to tinker with machines, electronics, bikes and cars. As a teenager, he enjoyed taking things apart and putting them back together, just to figure out how they worked. When word got out that he fixed bikes, neighborhood kids came to him for help.

After graduating from Saint Ignatius, Ward received a degree in physics from John Carroll University in 1969 and stayed there to pursue a master's degree.

Then life threw a monkey wrench into his plans. In 1970, during the Vietnam War, the government pulled his draft card. He took an aptitude test and was assigned as a medic to an army hospital at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point. He cared for injured soldiers and cadets in the orthopedic ward. He

returned to John Carroll after his service, completing his Master of Arts in Teaching Science in 1973.

Ward began his career in Cleveland Public Schools, first at Addison Junior High and then John Adams High School. Although he was teaching the subjects he loved – physics and physical science – the stress of working in an environment where students challenged authority wore him down. The schools also lacked resources and equipment.

In 1980, he left teaching to open a home-repair business. He found respite in the painting, wallpapering and general handyman jobs he performed for people in their homes. The desire to teach, however, never left his mind. Just two years into his business, Joe Martin '59, Ward's neighbor and former French teacher at Saint Ignatius, convinced Ward to apply for an opening in the Ignatius Science Department. Ward took the advice.

Now in his 24th year at Saint Ignatius, Ward has taught several science courses, including AP and Honors Physics. He also served as Science Department chair (1990-1995) and has moderated the Science Club, Robotics Team and Young Republicans Club, as well as co-moderated Science Olympiad.

But Ward's love of science doesn't end with his teaching duties. His Lakewood home, where he and his wife, Rosemary, have raised three children (Michael '99, Katherine '03 Magnificat and Nicholas '05), is still host to the many hobbies that fill his free time. He can be found repairing computers and machines, wood-working or gardening. And when needed, he still fixes a neighborhood kid's broken bike.



Science teacher Bob Ward '65 assists senior Matt Kiesner in physics lab.



Science Olympiad moderator Bob Ward shows Summer Enrichment students the braking system on the Egg Scrambler Car.

## Spring Sports Wrap-up

### BASEBALL

Under the direction of head coach Brad Ganor, the baseball team posted memorable wins early in spring 2006 over St. Edward, St. Xavier and Cincinnati Elder, which ranked No. 1 at the time in Division I. Shane Farrell '07, who won five and lost one, tossed a one-hitter against the Bombers of Xavier.

In conference play, the Wildcats finished second in the rugged Cuyahoga River Baseball Conference (CRBC), one game behind Walsh Jesuit. Walsh went on to win the Division II Championship.

They ended the impressive season (21-7) with a 7-1 loss to

Midpark High School in the district championship.

Six players earned all-conference honors; three made the first-team while two landed on the second squad. Of special note was centerfielder Ben Jurevicius '07, who took home the CRBC Defensive Player of the Year Award.

Derek Dietrich '07, one of Ohio's premier high school baseball talents, added another noteworthy season to his stellar career, batting .435. He smashed four homeruns, ripped 11 doubles and drove in 30 runs. Dietrich played third base and shortstop and also contributed as a closer with four saves and a 2-0 mark. For his accomplishments, *The Plain Dealer* placed Dietrich on its All-Cuyahoga County Team.

Several seniors moved on to play at the next level. Infielder/pitcher Kevin Hass '06 and outfielder/pitcher Kevin Kumazec '06 took their games to The University of Akron, and infielder/pitcher Anthony Toth '06 was invited to join the University of Michigan Wolverines.

Summing up the year, Ganor said: "Although we didn't reach our ultimate goal, the team matured as players and individuals. We look forward to 12 returning letter winners for the 2007 season."

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— HEAD COACH BRAD GANOR



### LACROSSE

For the third consecutive year, the lacrosse team won its division in the Midwest Scholastic Lacrosse Coaches Association Tournament, the third most prestigious lacrosse conference in the country. The team did it with victories over Pennsylvania's Sewickley Academy (10-6) and Ohio's Wooster High School (3-2).

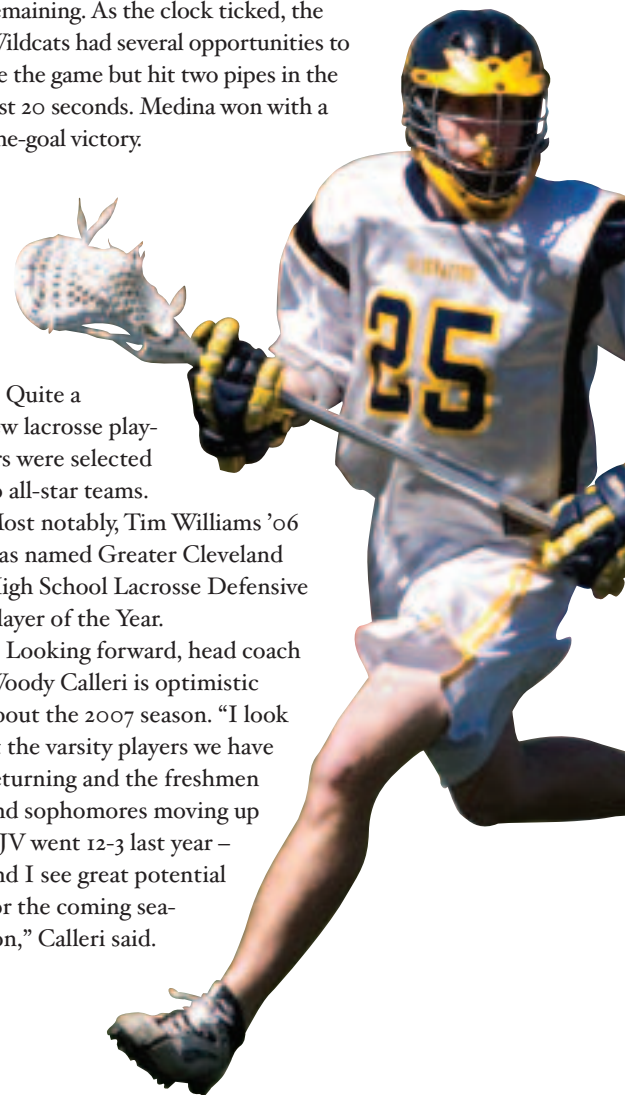
Within the Ohio High School Lacrosse Conference, the team finished second in its division (Division I, Region 3), earning a bye in the first round of playoffs.

During the regional semifinals, the team hosted its first-ever playoff game on the Saint Ignatius Wasmer Field against third-ranked Medina High School.

The game started with promise. The Wildcats were up 1-0 when the game was delayed after the first quarter due to lightning. When play resumed the next day, Medina carried a 9-5 lead into the fourth quarter. The Wildcats rallied to make it 9-8 with 1 minute remaining. As the clock ticked, the Wildcats had several opportunities to tie the game but hit two pipes in the last 20 seconds. Medina won with a one-goal victory.

Quite a few lacrosse players were selected to all-star teams. Most notably, Tim Williams '06 was named Greater Cleveland High School Lacrosse Defensive Player of the Year.

Looking forward, head coach Woody Calleri is optimistic about the 2007 season. "I look at the varsity players we have returning and the freshmen and sophomores moving up — JV went 12-3 last year — and I see great potential for the coming season," Calleri said.







**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Fall and winter Sports Wrap-ups will be published in the spring 2007 magazine. Unfortunately, magazine production cycles prevent more timely coverage.

## TENNIS

Youth was served in the spring of 2006 by the Saint Ignatius varsity tennis team, which finished with a 12-6 record.

"With our young team, we did fairly well," said Wildcat head coach Ed Wolff. "In 2007, with a year of experience, we'll do even better."

The Wildcats finished sixth in the St. Edward Invitational, second in the Rocky River Invitational and fifth in the Medina Doubles Invitational.

On the squad were twins Tim and Tom Carey '06, Sam Knezevic '06 and Dan O'Connor '06.

Tom Carey finished with a 23-11 record, and his brother Tim had a 19-13 record. Playing doubles, the Carey twins reached the district level in the state tournament. Their court prowess was complemented with academic success. Tim missed just one question on the ACT college placement exam, and Tom missed only one

question on the SAT entrance exam. Both were 2006 National Merit Finalists, and both are now attending Georgetown University.

Other top players were Corey Adkins '07 with 20-6, Brent Mehall '07 with 18-11 and David Utlak '07 with 17-11.

The National Federation of High School Coaches Association named Wolff its Ohio Boys Tennis Coach of the Year for his work with the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association and for coaching high school tennis.

Wolff has been a sectional/district tournament manager for boys and girls tennis since 1977, a state tournament official for boys and girls tennis since 1980 and a state rules interpreter for more than two decades.

## CREW ADDS MORE GOLD AND SILVER 'BLING' TO ITS TROPHY CASE

by Paris Wolfe

In early May, the Wildcat navy traveled to Lake Harsha in Cincinnati for the 2006 Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championship. They came home gold-medal winners for the fourth straight year. With 127.5 points, they were 10.5 points above the nearest competitor.

Crew finished its season May 26 and 27 at the SRAA National Championships at Fish Creek in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. SRAA is the Scholastic Rowing Association of America.

The Varsity Lightweight 8+ brought home a silver medal, the team's first eight-man medal at the national championship in what turned out to be an extremely competitive race.

After the warm-up, the silver-medal team launched 40 minutes before its race. The team started in fifth place then moved to third place less than halfway into the race. At the 750-meter mark, an explosive set of strokes locked the crew into second place.

The team slowly wore away at first-place St. Augustine, settling slightly behind Augustine's stern. With 400 meters to go, the Wildcats closed to within four seats of St. Augustine. Pushing to 44 strokes per minute, the Varsity Lightweight 8+ fought off a late charge by another boat. They finished 4:47.3, earning a silver medal, barely behind St. Augustine's 4:45.8.

The silver medal Varsity Lightweight 8+ consisted of:

**Coxswain:** Matt Wither '07 (who broke his hand the morning before the weekend race)

**Stroke:** Mike Wither '06

**7th-seat:** Mark Monroe '06

**6th-seat:** Josh Bell '06

**5th-seat:** John Gallagher '06

**4th-seat:** Nick Bushak '06

**3rd-seat:** Wayne Reichard '08

**2nd-seat:** Joe McKenna '06

**Bow:** Barry Masin '06

"It was quite a weekend," said head coach Matt Previts '97.

"The squad was smaller in number, size and depth but big in heart, courage and guts. Every rower in every boat made this title possible, and the staff and I couldn't be more proud."

Overall, the crew has won five Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships along with several medals at the Stotesbury Cup and National Championships.



Varsity Lightweight 8+ won the silver medal at the SRAA National Championships.

# sport shorts

## Spring Sports Wrap-up (continued)

### TRACK AND FIELD

The Wildcats won the Lakewood District Meet for the 24th time in school history. In the district meet, Saint Ignatius amassed 164 points to run off with the team title. All four relay teams advanced from Lakewood to the regional at Amherst, with the Wildcats' 100-, 400- and 800-meter relays taking first place and the 200-meter relay finishing second.

Advancing to the Amherst Regional Meet, the team earned 42 points, tying for third place with Toledo Whitmer. John F. Kennedy took second place with 45 points, and Medina High School won with 73 points.

"The regional was a tough meet," said head coach Chuck Kyle. "But the kids have been there before and have taken the younger ones under their wings and helped them out."

Following the regional competition, the Wildcats headed to the Division I State Track and Field Championship in Columbus. Running in rain on Friday and in sunshine Saturday at OSU's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium, Saint Ignatius accumulated 13 points to tie for 14th place in the final Division I standings. The Wildcats deadlocked with Hudson and Springfield North at 13 points in the run for Ohio honors. Glenville defended its state championship title with 51 points.

Ken Sullivan '06 led the way with third place in the 1,600-meter run. Sullivan, behind a blazing kick, ran a career-best 4:18.43. His third place was good for six team points.



Sullivan also earned three-fourths of a point as a member of his team's 800-meter relay, which clocked 7:56.92 for sixth place. Running with Sullivan were Brian Gallagher '07, Nick Taege '06 and Justin Morrow '06.

The Wildcats also qualified its 100- and 400-meter relays for the state meet, but the team did not advance to finals.


Brothers Nick and Matt Shurtleff '08, Sean Murray '07 and Matt Merletti '07 finished seventh in their 100-meter relay heat with 43.36.

Saint Ignatius finished sixth in its 400-meter relay heat with Morrow, Taege, Mike Globits '06 and Nick Shurtleff clocking 3:25.58.

At state, David Thompson '06 placed 11th in the high jump at 6 feet, 2 inches. He had cleared 6 feet, 4 inches in the regional and 6 feet, 6 inches in the district meet.

John Paul Makrai '06 earned the Wildcats four team points when he sailed the discus 153 feet, 11 inches for fifth place. On his way to the state finals, Makrai took second in discus at the Lakewood District Meet and fourth in the Amherst Regional.

*Woody Calleri, Mark Hodermarsky, Matt Previtts '97 and Paris Wolfe contributed to this report.*



"The kids have been there before and have taken the younger ones under their wings and helped them out."

— COACH CHUCK KYLE '69

## Golfers buy school supplies for refugee children

by JULIA ARNOLD-HESS



**For the Wildcat golf team,** Saturdays in early fall usually mean trips to tournaments throughout Ohio.

Before leaving for a tournament on one of those Saturdays, however, the varsity golfers spent several hours shopping for school supplies and book bags for refugee children.

Seniors Kevin Pikus, Kyle Maloney and Joe Zucker trekked to local stores with head coach Dan Hess '88 to fill the long lists of grade-school supplies. After shopping, they met the rest of the team to sort the merchandise and deliver it to the family members, who live a few blocks from Saint Ignatius.

The family of Isaac and Frances Dweh arrived in Cleveland in 2003 after fleeing the 16-year-long civil war in Liberia. United Nations helped the family relocate to America, and Catholic Charities helped the Dwehs find a house on the near West Side of Cleveland. The family of 11 arrived from equatorial Africa last February with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Some family members didn't even have shoes.

Coach Hess said he met the refugee family shortly after they arrived while he was on a service retreat for Saint Ignatius. "I went home that day with an overwhelming urge to help them," he recalled. "Since our initial meeting, my relationship with the family has grown ever since."

The Dweh children range in age from 1 to 24 and have received help from individuals and agencies in addition to Saint Ignatius. Three children play soccer for Lincoln West High School, four now attend Metro Catholic Grade School and two attend Cleveland State University on scholarship.

"Isaac is an amazing man who kept his family alive against all odds," Hess said. "He, his wife and his children have seen unspeakable things, yet they remain optimistic. They are thrilled to be in this country."



# Wildcat golfers tee up with community organization to teach golf and life skills

By Julia Arnold-Hess

AT A NEW GOLF COURSE in the heart of Cleveland, the Saint Ignatius varsity golf team practices more than teeing off and putting.

In what was once a brownfield at the edge of the city's industrial flats, the Wildcat golfers are mentoring city kids and fulfilling the Saint Ignatius commitment to service.

Opened in April 2006, the Washington Park Golf Learning Center is a public practice facility and nine-hole golf course just south of downtown Cleveland. Wedged between Newburgh Heights and Slavic Village, this once abandoned property is an unlikely place for a golf course. Yet the well-manicured course, bordered with wildflowers, rivals any country club course. This city gem is home to The First Tee of Cleveland, as well as the new home of the Ignatius golf team.

The First Tee is a national program that teaches life skills through the game of golf. "Core values" include perseverance, judgment,

courtesy, honesty, sportsmanship, integrity, respect, confidence and responsibility.

Cleveland is one of more than 200 First Tee chapters nationwide. Youths from age 8 to 18 practice proper behavior and etiquette while practicing a game they will hopefully grow to love. Well-trained volunteers and staff professionals shepherd them through games and experiences that teach the life-skills curriculum. Golf is a game of self-control, decorum, and discipline – three traits the Ignatius golfers strive to teach the younger players.

**"... I never realized that a little time could have such an impact on someone else's life."**

– Senior Kevin Pikus

The golf team's involvement with The First Tee began in fall 2005 when players served as caddies for a First Tee fundraising event. In spring 2006, they helped haul a few vanloads of donated clubs from storage to Washington Park's clubhouse. Over the summer, several players worked as First Tee coaches.

"The Saint Ignatius players have been terrific role models and mentors, especially for our younger participants," says Kevin Sullivan, director of program and volunteer services for The First Tee of Cleveland. "The kids who are 8- to 12-years-old really look up to the high school students."

Team captain and senior Kevin Pikus has developed a special bond with Shawn Barrett, a seventh-grade participant from Shaker Heights.

Shawn's father says the experience has made a positive impression on his son. "All of this has given my son new ambition,"



Senior Kevin Pikus tutors Shawn Barrett after a practice session at the driving range. The First Tee combines golf with life skills.

Myron Barrett says. "He takes on new challenges and attacks his academics. He has matured in a lot of ways."

An East Side resident, Myron says his son often talks him into taking "detours" to the West Side via West 30th and Lorain. Saint Ignatius has now entered into the running of high schools Shawn would like to attend.

Shawn's mentor finds the experience humbling. "We were so happy to have a place to practice as a team,"

Pikus says. "But I never realized that a little time could have such an impact on someone else's life."

"This is a perfect match for us," says Dan Hess '88, varsity coach and history teacher. Hess also serves on The

First Tee Chapter's board of directors. "I've been dreaming for years for an opportunity to combine our school's commitment to service with our golf program. Working as volunteers will give our guys a chance to gain valuable perspective," he says.



Golf team captain Kevin Pikus works with Shawn Barrett on his golf swing at Cleveland's Washington Park Golf Learning Center.



Jim  
White  
'66

## 1930s

**Richard Carrabine '35** and his wife, Olive, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary Oct. 5. The happy couple lives in Sarasota, Fla.

## 1940s

**Fr. Glenn Williams, S.J., '41** celebrated 50 years in the Jesuit priesthood and 63 years as a Jesuit this past summer. For 25 years, Fr. Williams was a student counselor at Saint Ignatius, but a heart attack and bypass surgery forced him into retirement.

**James Cox '43** is a custom clothier and still makes special-order suits.

**John McCarthy '43** is chairman of the board at St. Augustine Health Center.

**Jack Bouhall '47** is retired but still running and golfing. He hopes to see his classmates at the upcoming reunion and alumni golf outings.

**Robert Marquard '47** received the inaugural Cleveland State University Robert Marquard Friends of Baseball Award at the CSU vs. Duquesne baseball game at Jacobs Field this past summer. Future awards will be presented annually in Marquard's name to a friend of the CSU baseball program who has enhanced the welfare of the team's student athletes.

**Carl Majewski '49**, a member of the International Order of Alhambra, is supreme director of Region V, representing nine states. The International Order of Alhambra is a charity that helps the developmentally disabled.

## 1950s

**Edmund TePas '51** retired in 2003 after a long career teaching high school Spanish.

**James Swain '52** graduated summa cum laude with an Associate Degree in Applied Science – Electrical Technology from Lansing Community College. He teaches at Lansing Community College and continues to take courses there.

## 1960s

**Kenneth Kodger '60** and his wife, Lois, have been married for 39 years, and all five of their children have now graduated from college.

**John Hardesty '61** is a ski instructor at Deer Valley Ski Resort in Park City, Utah. He enjoys camping in the Rockies and fly fishing in the summer and fall.

**Charles Oprian '61** retired from teaching mathematics and statistics at Western Illinois University and is now enjoying his two grandchildren.

**Edward Kofron '68** and his wife, Pat, have retired after 31 years with the U.S. Department of Defense and are now living in Prescott, Ariz.

**Timothy Mapstone '68**, a pediatric neurosurgeon, is chair of the department of neurosurgery and holder of the Harry Wilkins, M.D., Chair at Oklahoma University in Oklahoma City.

**Tim O'Neill '68** was listed in *Chicago Lawyer* magazine's "10 of the Best Law Professors in Illinois." He recently began his 25th year at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. His daughter Erin (Saint Ignatius College Prep, Chicago, Class of 1999) recently began a master's of fine art program at The Art Institute of Chicago.

**Timothy Hurley '69** has been named one of the top 50 Cincinnati lawyers in the 2006 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list. His brother Brian also made the list.

## 1970s

**David Utlak '70** was named one of the best cardiologists in the region by *Best Doctors, Inc.* He is the president and founder of Ohio Heart Care in Canton, Ohio.

## ★ MILITARY

**Lt. Col. Martin Binder '81** has been selected to attend the U.S. Army's Senior Service College. He is assigned as the commander of the Army Field Support Battalion-Hytha in the United Kingdom. He previously commanded the Army Field Support Battalion in Afghanistan.

**Christopher Baughman '00** graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a degree in aero engineering. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, and is stationed at Barksdale Air Force Base, La., as a pilot on a B-52.

**John Dunn '00** graduated from Marquette University with a degree in theology. He is currently on active duty with the U.S. Navy and stationed in Iraq.



**Brian Hurley '72** has been named one of the top 50 Cincinnati lawyers in the 2006 *Ohio Super Lawyers* list. His brother Tim was also listed.

**Bill Burns '76** moved to Virginia and is an audiologist with the Veterans Administration in Richmond. He is pursuing a doctorate in audiology through University of Florida's distance-learning program.

**Patrick Rice '76** was elected president of the Society of Northern Ohio Professional Photographers.

## 1980s

**Thomas Muellauer '82** received a master's degree in chemistry from John Carroll University in May 2006.

**Ed Kelley '86** lives in Culver, Ind., teaching history and coaching football and basketball at The Culver Academies.

**Chris Bergin '87** and his family have moved back to Rocky River, Ohio. He is working for Realty One in the residential real estate market.

**Tom Bodnar '87** has achieved top honors as Northern Ohio's Best Periodontist the past three years in a row.

**Daniel Brajkovic '87** graduated with a degree in physics from the University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2006. He began law school this fall at Loyola University School of Law.

**Matthew Herberger '88** has moved to Lakewood, Ohio, after working in television production in New York City for the past eight years. He is an underwriter for Wilmington Finance, a non-conforming lending institution in Independence, Ohio.

**Paul Beegan '89** is the new vice president of LB & Associates' architectural division, a private development group and design-build consultant in Grafton, Ohio.

**Jason Stahl '89** is the new managing editor of *BodyShop Business*, a Babcox Publications trade magazine that covers the collision repair industry.

**Edward Vinarcik '89** works with Robert Bosch in Hangzhou, China, where he is setting up a metallurgy lab for the company's Powertools Division.

## 1990s

**David Fago '90** ran for Ohio House of Representatives in the 15th District.

**Larry Schram '90** received an MBA from Cleveland State University in June 2004.

**Justin Mansell '91** was promoted to vice president of MZA Associates Corp. in Albuquerque, N.M. He was also chosen to lead MZA's first spin-off company, Active Optical Systems.

**Peter Owendoff '91** was promoted to senior regional director for development at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

**Philip Suchma '91** received his doctorate in philosophy from The Ohio State University in December 2005. He is teaching and residing in New York City.

**Joseph Veloira '91** is the new senior marketing integrations manager with the Disney Reservation Center. He has been employed with the Walt Disney Co. for 10 years.

**Richard Eitel '94** accepted a tenure-track faculty position at the University of Kentucky. He is an assistant professor of materials engineering in the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering.

**William Husel '94** is a medical student at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

**Zachary Price '94** is teaching English in Kasumi, Japan. He works for The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.

**A.J. Petitti '95** received the Young Retailer of the Year Award from *Green Profit*, a garden center trade publication. Petitti is vice president of retail operations for Petitti Garden Centers.

**Kevin Lloyd '96** received an MBA from Cleveland State University in June 2006.

**Michael Beyer '97** is teaching lighting design in the theater department at Hillsdale College. He also tours with the rock band, One Under, working as the band's lighting designer.

**Jonathan Blevins '97** received a doctorate of medicine from Georgetown University in May 2006. He is doing his residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

**Byron Abens '98** graduated with a master's of fine arts from the University of Missouri – Kansas City. He recently worked with the Lyric Opera of Kansas City and the Kansas City Repertory Theatre. He spent this past summer employed as an equity stage manager for Stages St. Louis.

# One New Year's Day sip of sake changed his career and life

BY PARIS WOLFE



John Gauntner '80 shares his taste and love of sake with consumers and brewers.

**If sake tastes like** warm rubbing alcohol, you're drinking the wrong stuff, advises John Gauntner '80.

He should know. Gauntner accidentally became one of the world's foremost sake experts.

Gauntner laughs when he says his career, "is really the result of a million coincidences piled on top of one another. It was more of an unconscious segue."

It all started at the University of Cincinnati where he added Japanese classes to his engineering major. For youthful adventure, he left an engineering job and went to Japan in August 1988 to teach English for a year. Then, on New Year's Day 1989, he drank sake, also known as Japanese rice wine.

"I was blown away by what I tasted – the depth and complexity of sake, not just the aromas and flavor," he says of that first experience. "It somehow changed and metamorphosed with each sip."

That led to writing a newspaper column about sake for the largest English-language newspaper, which led to writing for a Japanese newspaper and then a Japanese magazine.

In addition to his published columns, he has written three books in English: *The Sake Companion* (Running Press Book Publishers, 2000), *Sake: Pure & Simple* (Stone Bridge Press,

1999) and *The Sake Handbook* (Charles E. Tuttle, 1998). He has worked on two more books in Japanese and has another book on the way. He also gives away his knowledge at [www.sake-world.com](http://www.sake-world.com).

After helping consumers understand and appreciate sake for years, Gauntner changed his focus to helping Japan's artisanal brewers improve their products. Today, he's a sake industry consultant for the Japanese government. "What I'm doing now and what I was doing five years ago are totally different," he says. "I'm talking about different rice strains and brewing."

During the evolution of a self-defined consulting career, Gauntner met his wife in Japan, and they now live in her hometown, Kamakura, just an hour south of Tokyo, with their two children, ages 4 and 1.

Those who venture into Gauntner's work will learn the fine points of making sake (there are five types) and sake culture. They'll learn that good sake should be served chilled. They'll learn that pouring beverages for others is a social act. And, they'll learn sake is traditionally served in small cups to encourage more frequent pouring, but premium sakes are served in larger glasses for better appreciation.

Gauntner's credibility about sake runs high. He is the only non-Japanese member of the Ginjo Sake Research Group, and the only non-Japanese taster to win the Kikizake Meijin Award (Accomplished Sake Taster) for accuracy in sake tasting skills. He has won this award twice.

Of course, understanding sake doesn't necessarily help a Clevelander in Cleveland. Gauntner concedes it's tough to find good sake in his hometown. Shoppers in Cincinnati may have better luck. Shoppers around the world even better luck. The 1,400 Japanese sake breweries sell one of every three glasses of wine served worldwide.

Gauntner says he had no idea he would fall into a career path that included so much writing. He credits Saint Ignatius for providing him with a good foundation. "I learned to write well at Saint Ignatius, and I learned to pursue what was important to me.

"I'm the only one in the world who does what I do. And there's absolutely nothing in the world I'd rather do," he says.

**Michael Mazzone '98** is working in Valley View, Ohio, as an assistant project manager in search-engine marketing for Fathom SEO.

**Michael Genovese '99** recently moved to Columbus, Ohio, to work for Battelle Memorial Institute in the company's Government Subcontracts Division. A 2003 Ohio University graduate, he worked as a contract specialist at NASA Glenn in Cleveland and NASA Langley in Hampton, Va., before accepting his new job in Columbus.

**Thomas Mace '99** does doctoral studies at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

## 2000s

**Greg Murray '00** was promoted to human resources manager for Chicago-based Marshall Associates in the company's Atlanta office. He also ran his second Chicago Marathon this past October.

**Rudolph Barry '01** has been hired by Kemp Partners, a strategic consulting firm headed by former Congressman Jack Kemp. Rudy graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a bachelor's degree in political science.

**Joy Hurd IV '02** graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University. He gave a speech in Latin to the entire graduating class and now teaches Latin.

**Matthew Waldeck '02** played the character Jared in *Donnybrook*, a movie shown at the Cleveland International Film Festival at Tower City Cinemas. He spent the second semester of his junior year in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and graduated in May 2006 from Pitzer College in Claremont, Calif.



## WEDDING

*Celebrations*

- Nicholas Kearsey '78 & Shellie Lynn  
*May 20, 2006*
- Mark Wesley '87 & Cara Evans  
*May 27, 2006*
- Larry Schram '90 & Carey Mitchell  
*August 27, 2005*
- Leo Mahoney '91 & Alexis Calatrello  
*November 6, 2004*
- Jorge Zevalios '94 & Kathleen Morris  
*May 16, 2003*
- Andre Nintcheff '95 & Laurie Adams  
*April 8, 2006*
- Thomas Obrock '95 & Emily Zalenski  
*August 7, 2004*
- Justin Compiseno '96 & Stella Kainitsky  
*July 22, 2006*
- Daniel O'Leary '96 & Kate Lally  
*August 26, 2006*
- Thomas Mace '99 & Jennifer Rajner  
*July 24, 2004*
- Timothy Malik '99 & Elizabeth Wilgus  
*May 20, 2006*
- Christopher Baughman '00 & Angie Gamache  
*June 9, 2006*
- Todd Abens '01 & Robyn Rodock  
*May 28, 2006*

## BABY

*Announcements*

- Jill & Chris Harter '81  
*a daughter, Charlotte Jane, 4-28-06*
- Mary Alice & Frank Uhrir '81  
*a son, Thomas Peter, 2-10-06*
- Angela & Mark Dant '85  
*a daughter, Sophia, 7-18-06*
- Noreen & Eric Woidke '85  
*a son, Maximus DiSanto, 3-27-06*
- Stephanie & Patrick Fox '86  
*twin sons, Kyle Kwachi and Ryan Tillman, 2-5-06*
- Anne & Tim Hill '86  
*a son, Timothy Gee Wing, 6-13-06*
- Lisa & Michael McGreal '86  
*a son, Caden Kenneth, 4-11-06*
- Natalie & Michael Reiss '86  
*a son, Aidan Michael, 12-5-05*
- Liza & Tom Bodnar '87  
*a daughter, Chloe Carol, 12-9-05*
- Marcy & Daniel Brajkovic '87  
*a daughter, Emma Clare, 1-16-06*
- Justyna & Robert Zack '87  
*a daughter, Hannah, 6-21-06*
- Katherine & John Chambers '88  
*a daughter, Erin Katherine, 12-14-05*
- Jill & Dave Thein '88  
*a son, Anthony Mark, 4-29-06*
- Karen & Paul Beegan '89  
*a girl, Violet Evangeline, 9-26-06*
- Christina & Christopher Denny '89  
*a daughter, Susanna Claire, 4-29-06*
- Mary & Martin Walsh '89  
*a son, Seamus Patrick, 6-29-06*
- Shelley & David Fago '90  
*a daughter, Gabriella Marie, 9-14-05*
- Darlene & Kevin Neitzel '90  
*a daughter, Caroline Frances, 5-20-06*
- Amy Munichiello & Anthony Reidy '90  
*a son, Blake, 5-14-05*
- Alexis & Leo Mahoney '91  
*a son, Sean Patrick, 2-20-06*
- Katherine & Michael Solecki '91  
*a son, Charles Kazmier, 4-6-06*
- Tabatha & James Cunningham '92  
*a daughter, Mackenzie Ann, 7-2-06*
- Alison & Brian Morgan '93  
*a son, Thomas, 12-27-05*
- Lisa & Dan Forshey '94  
*a daughter, Megan Kathleen, 3-15-06*
- Amy & Eric Haddad '94  
*a son, Shane Eric, 2-9-06*
- Teresa & Paul Kolb '94,  
*a daughter, Catherine Francis, 1-1-05*
- Jessie & Michael Lobazo '94  
*a daughter, Emily Antonia 2-4-06*
- Sara & Brian Martin '94  
*a daughter, Kaitlin, 3-15-06*
- Kathleena & Jorge Zevallos '94  
*a son, Christian Tobias 2-4-06*
- Amy & Kevin McLaughlin '96  
*a son, Aidan Charles, 4-27-06*
- Terese & John Monroe '96  
*a son, Colin Patrick, 2-11-06*
- Angie & Tom Petrovic '96  
*a son, Thomas James (T.J.), 9-8-05*

## Quads keep Rocky River couple busy



KATHARINE AND BRIAN LAPORTE '90 will have a hectic holiday season.

Actually every day is hectic in the LaPorte household since the birth of the couple's quadruplets on June 8, 2006. Katharine gave birth to daughter Avery Joanne and three sons: Aidan James, Dylan McNamara and Tanner Dale. All four are healthy and full of 6-month-old energy and appetites.

Katharine and Brian say with help from friends and family, they are doing fine. Older brother Will has made the biggest adjustment. After

all, he was the guy in charge for one whole year before his siblings arrived.

The Rocky River couple admit that their home is a little cramped these days with cribs in the dining room, a four-tiered stroller that occupies a parking space in the garage, and toys and diapers in nearly every room. But they say they wouldn't have it any other way.

## LOSSES

*in the Saint Ignatius Community*

We pause to remember and pray for:

ROBERT J. MOONEY '35, 2-6-05  
 WILLIAM J. SCHARF '36, 8-8-06  
 HERMAN F. ORGINC '38, 6-11-06  
 EDWARD F. FERAN '39, 8-17-06  
 JOSEPH GILL '40, 6-3-06  
 JAMES W. KELLY '42, 8-17-06  
 ERNEST J. KIRSTEIN '43, 7-17-06  
 ANDREW T. MCCORMACK '45, 7-16-05  
 EUGENE KEPPLER '46, 2-18-06  
 ROBERT J. DURBIN '47, 7-5-06  
 JOHN T. FEIGHAN '49, 6-20-06  
 HANK SHEA '49, 5-10-06  
 CHARLES M. MORGAN '50, 8-22-06  
 JOHN W. TOOMEY '50, 7-7-06  
 PAUL L. BRUBECK '51, 5-11-06  
 ROBERT M. MILLER '53, 8-23-06  
 CLEMENT W. "BUD" WICKES '57, 8-22-06  
 EMMETT K. CHAMBERS '58, 12-3-05  
 JOSEPH T. DAY '58, 5-28-06  
 JAMES F. THOMAS '58, 5-23-06  
 HERBERT MCGUIRE '59, 6-1-06  
 TIMOTHY F. LINSKY '60, 6-3-06  
 WILLIAM M. ROGERS '60, 7-2-06  
 EDWARD L. LASKOWSKI '61, 6-23-06  
 EDWARD J. KRYGERIS '75, 8-22-06  
 JOHN P. WINCHESTER '86, 7-4-06

### 'VOICE OF THE MARCHING WILDCATS' DIES AT 63

**Frank J. Olle Jr. '59** died June 14, 2006. He was 63.

As a student in the late 1950s, Mr. Olle participated in the Sodality and Ignatius Athletic Association extracurricular clubs. While a member of I.A.A., he sold tickets to the school's dances, mixers and athletic events – his first job in the sales field.

A graduate of John Carroll University, Mr. Olle was a sales engineer for Welsh Machinery Sales in Mentor, Ohio. Despite the demands of career and family, Mr. Olle gave generously of his time to Saint Ignatius.

Known by many as the "Voice of the Marching Wildcats," Mr. Ollie was the announcer at Saint Ignatius home games for many football seasons. In 1988, he received the Xavier Award for his involvement with the school.

He is survived by his wife, Bernice; sons, Frank '83 and Jeffrey '90; his mother, Margaret; brother, John; and four grandchildren.

### 2006 BELLARMINE AWARD RECIPIENT AND ESTEEMED LAWYER DIES AT 62



**Thomas P. Gill '62** received Saint Ignatius High School's Bellarmine Award last spring for exemplary service to the legal field and for support of his alma mater. In mid-November, the esteemed lawyer passed away at age 62.

After high school and before law school, Mr. Gill joined the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam. In 1973, he graduated from Cleveland State University Law School and joined the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. In just three years, he rose from assistant county prosecutor to chief prosecutor in the civil division. In the 1970s, he handled litigations and construction contracts for the Justice Center and advised the Board of Elections during the debate over the sale of the city-owned Munny Light power company.

In recent years, Mr. Gill was Independence's city prosecutor and had a law practice that handled municipal, government and criminal matters.

He is survived by his wife, Karen; children Timothy, Kathleen and Patrick; brother, Frank; and granddaughter, Caroline.



## FROM DONOVAN'S DESK

The ink on their diplomas was still fresh when the Class of 2006 joined more than 20,000 alumni.

Last spring, 340 seniors were welcomed into the Saint Ignatius-Loyola Alumni Association by members of the Alumni Executive Council. The council, made up of 27 former graduates, hosted a cookout on Kyle Field in honor of Senior Day. In addition to hot dogs, the council members handed out "official" alumni cards to the soon-to-be graduates.

That afternoon, a few opportunistic seniors asked me, "Can we show these cards if we get pulled over?"

As much as I wanted to tell them to give it a try, I wisely said, "Just don't speed."



Senior Justin Morrow receives his alumni card from T.J. Donovan '94.



Alumni Council member Dick Freedman '56 serves a hot dog to a senior.

Plans are already being made for next spring's cookout as council members look forward to adding new members to the growing Alumni Association.

**Remember**, we can always use your help. To volunteer as an Alumni Council member, class representative or reunion committee member, contact T.J. Donovan at 216-651-0222, ext. 427 or [tjdonovan@ignatius.edu](mailto:tjdonovan@ignatius.edu).



## Safety Forces Night honors those who serve



The Fourth Annual Safety Forces Night is scheduled for Jan. 20, 2007. The night honors alumni who are members of the safety forces (police, fire and EMS.)

Safety forces alumni and their families are invited to celebrate Mass in Saint Mary's Chapel, followed by a dinner in the Sullivan Atrium and Wildcat varsity basketball game in the gym. Alumni, parents or past parents who are currently or formerly employed as members of the safety forces are encouraged to attend the event.

If you are a member of the safety forces but not on the alumni mailing list, please call 216-651-0222 and ask for the Alumni Office.

## GET READY FOR REUNION WEEKEND

REUNION WEEKEND 2007 is less than six months away. On Thursday, May 31, the Golden Cats will gather at Windows on the River in downtown Cleveland. Next is the big weekend celebration for class years ending in 2 or 7. The fun begins with Stag Night on campus Friday night, June 1, and continues into Saturday, June 2, when spouses are included for cocktails, dinner and music.

Last year's Reunion Weekend boasted a big turnout. At the Golden Cats Reunion, 175 senior alumni attended a dinner reception at Windows on the River. During the Friday Stag Night, the back quad overflowed with the laughter and conversations of more than 600 alumni. Then on Saturday evening, more than 300 alumni and spouses dined on Caribbean-style cuisine while listening to live island-inspired music.

For 2007 Reunion details and registration, call the Alumni Office or check Cats Online at <http://alumni.ignatius.edu>.

## Golf outings rack up the numbers

The 2006 Senior Alumni and Alumni Golf Outings posted impressive numbers this year.

The Senior Alumni Golf Outing drew 146 golfers to Avon's Bob-O-Link Golf Course, the biggest turnout for the outing since its inception four years ago.

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Senior golfers played a full day of golf and then stayed for the steak dinner and golf prizes that evening. Proceeds from the outing support the Grant-in-Aid program for the 2006-07 school year.

For the Alumni Golf Outing, 200 golfers hit the links at Weymouth and Fox Meadow Country Clubs

## Men's Night Out gives Ignatius guys excuse to gather

by Carolyn J. Kovach

**A**t his kitchen countertop, Steve Gerba '89 rubs seasoning onto mammoth raw steaks while guests sip wine in his spacious kitchen and formal dining room.



Gerba is hosting an evening of Wine, Beef & Bocce Ball in his Westlake home. It's a night out for Ignatius alumni and friends, except for Gerba who is busy prepping food and firing up the manly grills in his backyard.

After the wine representative finishes his presentation, guests fill their plates with rib-eyes so large they partially hang off the dishes. It's clearly a manly meal befitting of a Men's Night Out.

Gerba began Men's Night Out two years ago. The first event only drew six guys. Word of mouth and Cats Online postings increased turnout. "What started as a list of 40 people has grown to 175," Gerba said.

All the guests share two common bonds: a Y chromosome and a connection to Saint Ignatius.

Gerba tries to keep the events affordable, educational and entertaining. His guest list ranges from recent graduates to retirees. To develop a varied list of activities, he elicits ideas from "his regulars." To create consistency, he schedules events the third Thursday of every month.

The sample of activities include paint ball, skeet shooting, cigar smoking, whiskey tasting, betting on the horses at Thistledown and touring a local brewery. For the average guy, it couldn't get any better.

Mike Ruane '90, who has attended several events, said the skeet shooting was memorable because he had never fired a gun before.

Tony Pellegrino '86, a father of two, said the nights give him an opportunity to "get away."

Mike Romanello '98, a regular, said he's "eager to learn about different things" and called the evenings "stress relief."



Whatever their reasons, Gerba said Men's Night Out pulls alumni from all class years together for one evening. "Everyone seems to get along and has a great time," he says.

in Medina. Mike Gibbons '70 of Brown, Gibbons, Lang and Co. and Dominic Cameratta '97 of Cameratta Properties sponsored the golf outing, and Terry Rochford '85 of Gulf Coast Realtors sponsored the dinner and auction. Their sponsorships combined with money raised from the nearly 50 hole sponsors totalled a record-breaking \$23,000 for Grant-in-Aid, which provides tuition assistance for qualified students.

The next Senior Alumni Golf Outing is June 27, 2007 followed by the Alumni Golf Outing scheduled July 23, 2007.

## Travels with the Cat program on the move

For those alumni who don't live in the Greater Cleveland area, Travels with the Cat is a great way to reconnect with your school.

So far this year, the Alumni Office has organized four alumni receptions and has five cities slated for spring 2007. If you live in L.A., the Bay Area, Phoenix, Dallas or D.C., check Cats Online at <http://alumni.ignatius.edu> for details.



Buffalo, N.Y.	Sept. 9
Columbus, Ohio	Oct. 19
Cincinnati	Oct. 20
Chicago	Nov. 16
Los Angeles	Jan. 10
San Francisco	Jan. 11
Phoenix	Jan. 24
Dallas	March 28
Washington, D.C.	TBA

## CATS ONLINE KEEPS ALUMNI CONNECTED

CATS ONLINE CONTINUES to grow and is free to all alumni.

The alumni community Web site allows alumni to share news and photographs, reconnect with classmates, post and search for jobs, register for events or make online donations.

Join the more than 3,000 alumni who have already logged on at <http://alumni.ignatius.edu> and look for the Cats Online monthly e-newsletter. The e-newsletter is e-mailed to 7,000 alumni all over the world. If you are not getting yours, contact Cathi Adinaro at [cadinaro@ignatius.edu](mailto:cadinaro@ignatius.edu).





# Attorney Patrick Jones takes on high-profile cases

BY PARIS WOLFE

**Patrick Jones '69 knows** far more about the tragedy at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., than do many witnesses at the deadly fire on Feb. 20, 2003.

The band Great White had opened its show with "Desert Moon" and flashy pyrotechnics. It would be the band's only song that evening and final concert. Sparks from the pyrotechnics ignited highly flammable soundproofing material. The nightclub became an inferno. When the flames and stampede ended, the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in U.S. history had been recorded. More than 200 were hurt, and the death toll climbed to 100.

Jones, a Boston trial lawyer, has been sorting through the legal rubble for more than two years. He represents 80 of the victims in a case still pending in a U.S. District Court.

"The most difficult aspect of cases with this magnitude of tragedy is the suffering and uncertainty of the clients," he says. "We learn a lot about courage and faith when we have clients like the fire victims."

Jones is one of the country's top trial lawyers. He did his undergraduate studies at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. A proud Irishman, he studied his junior year at University College, Dublin, part of the National University of Ireland. He graduated magna cum laude in 1973 and went on to Boston College Law School, graduating cum laude in 1978.

After six years at an insurance defense firm in Boston, he packed his briefcase and co-founded Cooley, Manion, Jones in 1984. He lives in Boston with his wife, Nell. They have one son, Patrick Jr., who graduated from Connecticut College in 2006.

These days Jones focuses on serious personal injury and death claims, including medical malpractice, product liability and premise liability.

His work gets plenty of attention. *Boston Magazine* named him one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Massachusetts for the past three years. In 2005,

*Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* listed him in its Top 10 Lawyers of the Year. He is also listed in *Best Lawyers in America 2006*.

"The recognition that I'm proudest of was receipt of the Blessed Edmund Rice Medal from the Christian Brothers of North America at a ceremony at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, October 2002," Jones says. "This award is given every 10 years to a representative of a Christian Brothers School who makes a difference in some significant way."

"I enjoy the challenge of learning new areas of medicine, product development and safety," he says. "I like the opportunity to have a positive impact on a client's life on an issue that really matters."

Last year Jones was in the news with a \$5.1 million settlement in the estate of Victoria Snelgrove v. the Boston Police Department. In 2004, Snelgrove was a 21-year-old college student celebrating the Boston Red Sox win over the New York Yankees in the 2004 American League Championship. She was there when the crowd outside Fenway Park turned destructive. She happened to be in the line of fire when riot police used pepper-pellet guns to quell the crowd. A pepper pellet hit Snelgrove's eye and killed her.

The voluntary settlement by the city in spring 2005 was the largest civil rights compensatory award in the region. Jones represented the Snelgrove family.

"There is much to improve in our civil justice system," Jones admits, "but the jury trial system still beats any other alternative in my view. It is as important to eliminate frivolous lawsuits as it is to prevent medical negligence and obtain insurance reform."

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Patrick Jones '69 represents 80 of the victims caught in the tragic Rhode Island nightclub fire.



# Brooke Furio reclaims industrial Cleveland BY PARIS WOLFE

**S**ay you want to build a house. How will you start? Will you buy a half-acre lot in a new development that was farmland nine months ago? Or will you buy a ramshackle cottage with a nice location in the city, demolish the house and custom-build a colonial?

If you're in Northeast Ohio, you'll likely buy the vacant lot. After all, demolition and rehab cost money and take time.

Businesses face the same decisions when locating or expanding in Northeast Ohio. Rehab land in Cleveland or start fresh in the suburbs? Rehabs can be even more complicated on industrial properties that may need environmental cleanup.

Enter Brooke Furio '88, project manager and program analyst with the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5. Furio is in Cleveland to change that land dynamic. The EPA has loaned him to Cleveland for two years to work with the city's Economic Development Department and create an Industrial Land Bank Program.

"We want to build a program here that will continuously revitalize industrial properties," Furio explains. And, in turn, revitalize the city.

Furio brings together a variety of disciplines – businesses, industry, construction, demolition, environmental, finance, legal, politics, real estate and others – to create a sustainable ongoing land bank program.

An unusual career path qualifies him for the challenge. When he was almost done earning undergraduate degrees in English and

philosophy from Kent State University, he realized he wanted to work on the environment. So he entered the Peace Corps and spent two years in Guatemala.

"That's how I got my environmental education and training," he says. "I learned sustainable forestry practices and helped key populations in Central America create income without damaging the environment. And we worked to reforest depleted mountainsides that were having soil run-off issues."

With hands-on education, Furio returned to the states in early 1997 and took an internship with the EPA. One of his first projects was co-authoring a study on *Pesticide Use in the Great Lakes Basin* for the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes.

Furio then earned a MBA at Loyola University while working at EPA, Region 5 in Chicago. After working in other cities, he took the Cleveland assignment to get back home.

"It's nice to be back," he says. He lives with his wife and two sons, ages 1 and 3, in Rocky River, down the street from English teacher Tom Pasko.

The first part of Furio's brownfield work in Cleveland was academic. He worked with the city and Cleveland State University to determine land bank structure and best practices.

Now he's working to prepare the first 100 acres in Cleveland. "We're piloting projects on land the city already owns," Furio explains. "We're learning about available funding, how to work

with city council, what contracts we'll need. We want to understand the processes. For example, we want to know what environmental consultants and demolition contractors will need to do.

"By fall we hope to start selling the land," he says. "Then, we'll be able to analyze the projects. We'll look beyond the breakeven on land sales and measure the long-term impacts to the city in terms of property taxes and jobs. Then, we'll evaluate and determine what kind of land bank program to build."

That information will help the city attract funding – important to the city's economic future

Interestingly, Furio thinks attending high school in the city enlightened him about the challenges of urban revitalization. "If I'd gone to a suburban high school, I'm not sure I'd have the same appreciation for the city that I have," he says. "High school taught me that you have to love what you do and have some social conscience."

"We want to build a program here that will continuously revitalize industrial properties."



Brooke Furio '88, EPA project manager, works with Cleveland's Economic Development Department to revitalize industrial properties.



# Criminals can't hide their dirty work from John Williams

By Paris Wolfe

JOHN WILLIAMS '71 HAS CREATED the nation's second "body farm." That's a euphemism for a place where scientists study decaying dead bodies.

Body farm research assists with crime investigations such as those depicted in *CSI*, *Crossing Jordan* and other television shows.

Williams is head of the Anthropology and Sociology Department and director of the Forensic Anthropology Program at Western Carolina University. He holds a master's degree and doctorate degree in physical anthropology from The Ohio State University.

While teaching anthropology at the University of North Dakota, law enforcement officers asked for his help. After all, prehistoric or modern, a skeleton is a skeleton. Mostly.

He used his expertise to identify the cause of death for a murder victim. He gained a reputation and began consulting with medical examiners in North Dakota and adjacent states.

Over time, Williams became known for his skill in dismemberment cases. "I'd try to determine what object – saw, knife, chainsaw, ax – was used to dismember a body and dispose of it," he says.

In 1995, Williams passed the examination for the American Board of Forensic Anthropology and is one of 58 board-certified forensic anthropologists in the nation.

In 2003, Western Carolina University contacted him. They asked Williams to develop its Forensic Anthropology Department.

Williams accepted and left the snow-covered plains of North Dakota for the mountains of North Carolina.

Today Williams has developed an undergraduate degree program in the field and is awaiting approval on a graduate degree program. Both are in hot demand, given their televised glamour.

Ah, but the reality of a body farm is far from primetime's brightly lit, relatively clean crime scenes.

Here's how a body farm works. Bodies are donated to science. They're carefully laid out in a fenced yard. They're left to decay. Williams and his students watch what happens.

"We make observations daily to record temperature, humidity and rainfall," he explains. "We note when different insects show up. We do a lot with different soil types.

*The hardest part, he admits, is placing a body in the field. "For the first few days, you're looking at a person who's quite recognizable."*

"Mainly we're looking at the rate of decay during different seasons of the year. We can use this information to help law enforcement determine how long a body has been dead, given the time of year," Williams says.

"We're also assisting with cadaver dog training," he adds. "They'll bring dogs out [here], or we'll provide them with material.

Though it could be considered gruesome, the research is approached with decorum. Williams requires his students to dignify donors by calling each body by his/her real name.

In addition to assisting police, Williams says the body farm helps students determine whether they can stomach the gory details of forensic anthropology. The hardest part, he admits, is placing a body in the field. "For the first few days, you're looking at a person who's quite recognizable."

Williams has had plenty of exposure to human remains. He has consulted on airplane crashes and natural disasters, and FEMA called him to help after 9/11.

"When they cleaned up the World Trade Center, they brought debris to a landfill on Staten Island where someone would sort through it, picking out what looked like bone fragments," he explains. "I'd help identify what really was bone and whether it was human or animal [from restaurants]. Then it would be cataloged and sent for DNA identification.

For all those students considering forensic anthropology, Williams warns it's more than what they may view on TV. "They don't show the drudgery of writing reports or the tedium of gathering data," he observes. "It takes a lot of mental fortitude to follow through with the job."

In Western Carolina University's forensic anthropology lab, John Williams '71 examines part of a human femur bone from a cadaver named Walter.



## After traveling the world for the U.S. Army, Robert Ivany settles down in academia

BY PARIS WOLFE

**Robert Ivany '65 is a legend** – though a quiet one – when it comes to football. Sure he played football for Saint Ignatius and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, where he also coached football from 1976 to 1979.

But we're not talking that kind of football. For two years during the Reagan administration, from 1984 to 1986, Ivany was responsible for the ultimate "football:" the president's emergency satchel. For those not in the know, "football" is the nickname for a leather briefcase full of top-secret information that goes wherever the president goes.

The Associated Press reports that the contents include a black book containing retaliatory options, a list of classified sites, pages describing procedures for the Emergency Broadcast System and a 3-by-5-inch card with nuclear authentication codes.

The government says these are not the launch codes, as some people think. They are the codes the president needs to order the Pentagon to launch nuclear weapons.

Only elite military officers – one from each of the armed services and Coast Guard – are selected in work shifts to carry the "football." They're sworn to secrecy.

As U.S. Army aide to President Reagan, Ivany was one of the chosen few. "I grew to respect [Reagan] immensely for his kindness, dedication to service and commitment to following his principles. We could not have had a better leader," Ivany recalls.

Life before and after football has been interesting for the former Westlake resident. After

graduating from Saint Ignatius in 1965, he attended West Point because the mission and standards appealed to him. "West Point reminded me of Saint Ignatius with its high academic standards, a dedication to selfless service and camaraderie among its peers," Ivany says. "The fact that they had a good football team helped as well."



Following college graduation, Ivany had a 34-year career in the Army. As an armored cavalry officer, he led soldiers in the United States, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Federal Republic of Germany and Vietnam. In Vietnam, he was wounded in action and decorated for valor.

He also worked with several countries to build their armed forces. For example, in 1990, he worked in Hungary to help democratize the country's defense system.

*"I believe that I understand this generation's aspirations and can lead an institution to help students achieve them."*

In fact, Ivany received so many military assignments throughout his 34-year career that his family moved 24 times. "Luckily, my wife, Marianne, and four children accepted the sacrifices that came with my service," he says. "Each of our children attended eight different schools before reaching college."

More recently, Ivany was the adjunct professor in executive education at the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University, and then president of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. In 2004, he became the eighth president of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. The university has nearly 3,600 students.

"I am especially attracted to the university's Catholic liberal arts tradition and its diverse student body," he says.

"The University of St. Thomas stands out as an institution that understands the challenges young people face. Raising my four children and leading men and women from diverse backgrounds has given me a unique perspective on these challenges. I believe that I understand this generation's aspirations and can lead an institution to help students achieve them."

As U.S. Army aide to President Reagan, Robert Ivany '65 carried the president's emergency satchel.







## F16 sorties bring alumni together

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES that two F16 Air Force pilots flying together on a war mission would not only hail from the same city but the same high school?

Well according to Capt. Stephen Pinchak '93 and Capt. Mike Young '97 the odds are slim. Pinchak wrote in an e-mail: "To the best of my knowledge, we are the only [Ignatius] graduates who are current F16 pilots."

Pinchak also wrote: "On the night of Aug. 21, we together flew the first all-Ignatius F16 combat sorties of Operation Iraqi Freedom when our two-ship flew a close air support mission over northern Iraq. In my cockpit I brought along an American flag during the sortie that night. Mike was also able to fly this same flag on another Iraqi sortie later."

Both men are stationed at Balad Air Base in Iraq and serving in the same squadron, the 421st Fighter Squadron based at Hill Air Force Base in Utah.

It seems Young has been following Pinchak's lead. Pinchak would have graduated by the time Young entered Ignatius as a freshman. The same happened at the Air Force Academy. Pinchak is a 1997 Academy graduate. Young graduated in 2001. Yet the two had not met until their deployment to Iraq.

In addition to the pride they share for their country, they also appear to have a good deal of pride for their alma mater and share the same taste in alumni apparel. Note the matching T-shirts.

Pinchak (left) said he turned 31 on July 31 when this photo was taken. The photo was shot from the top of a hardened aircraft shelter, similar to the ones pictured in the background.

Pinchak and Young will each receive \$50 Saint Ignatius bookstore gift certificates for this entry. Although they can purchase items on the bookstore's Web site, we hope they return safely to the States, where they can visit the campus and make their purchases in person.

**CONTEST RULES:** Send a photograph of you wearing or holding Saint Ignatius gear while traveling or working out of the country. Make sure the photo includes a landmark or point of interest. Tell us where and why the photo was taken. Include your full name, class year, address, phone number, e-mail address and occupation if pertinent to the photo. If sending digital images, set your camera to the largest format to achieve the highest resolution. If mailing a photo, please send us a duplicate print because photos will not be returned.

Send your photos to: Carolyn Kovach, Saint Ignatius High School, 1911 West 30th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44113-3495 or e-mail [ckovach@ignatius.edu](mailto:ckovach@ignatius.edu). Remember if you live out of the country and win the \$50 prize, Saint Ignatius Bookstore items can be purchased online at [www.ignatius.edu/bookstore](http://www.ignatius.edu/bookstore).

# Truck driver leaves \$1.4 million

by Paris Wolfe

**When William Zivoder's father died** after falling down a flight of steps, the 1930 Saint Ignatius graduate quit his studies at John Carroll University so he could earn money to support his mother and younger sisters.

Zivoder retired from driving a delivery truck for Frito-Lay Co. in the 1960s. A member of Teamsters Local 52, he earned a healthy living wage and increased his fortunes with dedicated investing.

Despite his middle-class success, Zivoder and his wife, Dorothy, lived simply in their two-bedroom, 900-square-foot bungalow on Lake Road in Rocky River, Ohio. They would have considered it an indulgence to replace their rotary dial phone with a touch-tone model, said their neighbors. The Zivoder's frugal lifestyle gave no indication they were self-made millionaires.

Dorothy died in July 2004. When Zivoder died in February 2006, he had accumulated \$1.5 million. The couple had no children.

While he wasn't an active alumnus or donor, Zivoder looked favorably on his years at Saint Ignatius, especially his football days when his teammates called him "Bull," recalled his attorney David Matty of Rademaker, Matty, McClelland and Greve in downtown Cleveland.

"He was his own person, did his own investments, his own banking, his own reading. He was well-educated and knew what he wanted to do," Matty said.

And what he wanted to do was leave his estate – about \$1.4 million – to Saint Ignatius. The money will be added to the *Ignatius Men Forever* capital campaign.

"Mr. Zivoder's gift will help support tuition reduction for guys

like him," explained Kevin Riordan, vice president for institutional advancement. "Obviously he had a warm place in his heart for this school."

Beth and Earl Martin, Zivoder's neighbors, helped care for Zivoder in his final years.

Beth speculated that living through the Great Depression is probably why Zivoder pinched his pennies.

In retirement, she said, Zivoder got up every morning at 4 a.m. to read *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and *The Plain Dealer*. Rather than subscribing to cable for \$15 per month, he would walk to the local McDonald Securities office to watch the stock ticker before making investment decisions.

She said Zivoder used his yard clippings to fertilize a prolific vegetable garden and filled his pantry with canned goods every fall. He may have been tight with his money, but he was generous with his produce.

"You knew Bill liked you if he left vegetables on your porch," Beth said laughing.

Because he died at 95, Zivoder had little family and no contemporaries, which meant he had no one to serve as his pallbearers. At his memorial service, students from the Saint Joseph of Arimathea Pallbearer Society carried his casket, a fitting finale for a man who gave his wealth to his school.



## New tax law makes giving through an IRA easier for donors

On Aug. 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are age 70½ or older.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of charitable organizations. Under the law, a donor can make a lifetime gift using funds from his individual retirement account without the amount taken counting as taxable income.

Here's how a contribution works under the new law:

- The donor must be age 70½ or older;
- The gift is \$100,00 or less each year;
- The gift is made on or before Dec. 31, 2007;
- Funds are transferred directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA;
- The gift is transferred outright to one or more public charities.

For more information on the new law and estate planning, contact Tim O'Callahan, director of major gifts, at 216-651-2478 or [tocallahan@ignatius.edu](mailto:tocallahan@ignatius.edu).



## 'Ignatius Men Forever' campaign surpasses \$21 million

by Kevin Riordan

As I write this on a breezy autumn day, a sign of renewal is taking shape at the corner of West 32nd Street and Carroll Avenue.

Concrete footers are being poured for the expansion of the Student Center and cafeteria. Soon its steel skeleton will rise and, in about a year's time, students will be enjoying a new space in which to eat and congregate.

An integral part of the Student Center will be the Rade Dining Hall, made possible by a generous gift from Barbara and John Rade '53. Their donation is a wonderful example of the generosity that has resulted in commitments of more than \$21 million to date.

While we continue to seek gifts for the \$40 million campaign, we will have a special emphasis this year on attracting support for the much-needed performing arts center. We look forward to engaging everyone in the Ignatius community as we enter into the second phase of the *Ignatius Men Forever* campaign.